

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
FOR THE
TOWN OF BERKLEY



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998
Fiscal Reports for Fiscal Year 1998
July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998

TOWN OF BERKLEY

BRISTOL COUNTY – MASSACHUSETTS

Constituted a town April 18, 1735. Area 16.4 sq. miles
Population, Town Census January 1, 1998 – 5,490

U.S. SENATORS

Edward M. Kennedy - Barnstable
John F. Kerry - Boston

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS – FOURTH DISTRICT

Barney Frank - Newton

GOVERNOR'S COUNCILLOR – FIRST DISTRICT

David F. Constantine - New Bedford

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT – BRISTOL and PLYMOUTH

Marc R. Pacheco - Taunton

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT – NINTH BRISTOL DISTRICT

John F. Quinn - Dartmouth

DISTRICT ATTORNEY – BRISTOL DISTRICT

Paul F. Walsh, Jr. - New Bedford

COUNTY REGISTER OF PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Robert E. Peck - Dartmouth

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Maria F. Lopes - Taunton
Arthur R. Machado - Fall River
Christopher J. Saunders - New Bedford

SUPERIOR COURT CLERK/MAGISTRATE

Marc J. Santos - Fairhaven

COUNTY SHERIFF

Thomas M. Hodgson - New Bedford

COUNTY TREASURER

Patrick Harrington - Somerset

REGISTER OF DEEDS – BRISTOL COUNTY NORTHERN DISTRICT

Joseph L. Amaral - Taunton

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SWATCHES FROM OLD TOWN RECORDS

Book 1, Page 59, Berkley Records

Bristol Sa

Berkley march ye 8 1744/5

Agreeable & pursuant to the Law of this province and at the Request of Some of the gn habitants of the town of Berkley and for ye use of Sd Town we the Subscribers the Select men of Sd town of berkley have this Day Laid out a way from ye open way by timothy caswells to taunton bounds notfar from the Going over the River into Cotley So called and ye Sd way is Bounded as followeth Begining at the north Side of the bent of ye open way about Eighteen rods to the norward of the house of timothy Caswells and to Extend north easterly first by a Stake and Stones about it on the north Side of Sd way So to Go acros ye Corner of Israel brigges Land and So to Extend to a peaked Rock a bounds between Israel briggs and James macumbour one half of the way on the north Side of Sd Rock and So to a Stake Standing on ye north Side of Sd way Riseing the plain from thence acros ye plain by Stakes Standing on the north Side of Sd way until it come to the furthes end of Sd plain crosing an Elbow of Israel Brigges land making a Rock with Stones on it on the South Side of Sd way a bounds there of So thence untill it come to the North East corner of James macumbors Land being a black oak tree in ye Edg of the wood land being ye bounds between Sd Briggs and Sd macumbour the way to Go on the South Side there of then turning more Easterly acros the Corner of James macumbors Land as Straight as the land will afford for a way to the now going over the River towards Cotley So Called & also over Sd River unto a line of Land between James macumbour and John macomber haf on the ones land and half on the others untill it come to taunton bounds all the persons Exepting where their was Land Left for a way Giving the land for Sd way the way to be at all places thirty foot wide Layd out by us the Subscribers and Bounded as above Sd the Day above written as witnes our hands

Abiall attwood)	Select
Ebr Winslow)	men of
Chris pall)	berkley

Voted by the town to be Recorded on Berkley Records at the annaul meeting march 18th 1744/5

In Memoriam

ROBERT E. PARKER JR.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT - EMT
1997 - 1998**

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TOWN OF BERKLEY

LIST OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

PARTY	MODERATOR		
D	Kevin P. Partridge, 71 Sanford St	880-5334	5/98
	SELECTMEN		
U	Elizabeth A. Lanord, 17 Bayview Ave.	823-8173	5/00
D	Carol Mills, 540 Berkley St.	822-2283	5/99
R	George Moitoza, 61 Jerome St.	824-4263	5/98
	TREASURER		
U	Carolyn Awalt, 96 Myricks St	823-3273	5/00
	TOWN CLERK		
U	Carolyn Awalt, 96 Myricks St	823-3273	5/99
	COLLECTOR OF TAXES		
R	Nancy L. Townley, 7 North Main St	823-9620	5/98
	BOARD OF ASSESSORS		
R	Mark N. Pettey, Jr., 16 Locust St.	822-1495	5/00
U	Margery A. Marshall, 108 Bayview Ave.	824-8793	5/99
U	Geraldine A. Leahy, 7 Forrest St.	823-0344	5/98
	PLANNING BOARD		
U	Paul L. Boucher, 19 Macomber St.	823-4141	5/02
U	Donna Leary, 151 Bryant St.	823-5695	5/01
U	Steven Leary, 151 Bryant St.	823-5695	5/00
U	Edwin Devine, 33 Macomber St.	823-2084	5/99
U	John R. Uronis, 17 Blossom Lane	880-0750	5/98
	HIGHWAY SURVEYOR/TREE WARDEN		
D	Raymond D. Rose, 38 Porter St.	823-2835	5/98
	BOARD OF HEALTH		
U	James E. Romano, 222 Bayview Ave.	880-3158	5/00
U	Scott Fournier, 35 Porter St.	824-0521	5/99
D	Steven C. Rapoza, 91 Bayview Ave.	822-0707	5/98
	SCHOOL COMMITTEE		
D	Daniel T. Ludwig, 761 Berkley St.	821-3596	5/00
U	Robert K. Lyman, 137 Bayview Ave.	823-6529	5/00
D	William J. Perkins, 11 Algerine St.		5/99
U	Maryann Smith, 65 Locust St.	824-6889	5/98
U	John F. Gallagher, Jr., 15 Algerine St.	822-0621	5/98
	LIBRARY TRUSTEE		
U	Carla Ross Lyman, 137 Bayview Ave.	823-6529	5/00
D	Heather Dropps, 141 Bayview Ave.	822-1481	5/99
U	June F. Moskal, 125 Bayview Ave.	822-6965	5/98
	CEMETERY COMMISSIONER		
R	Ronald E. Adams, 22 Old Myricks St.	822-6432	5/00
D	Charles J. Awalt, 96 Myricks St.	823-3273	5/99
U	Eric Oliveira, 29 Anthony St.	880-4774	5/98

APPOINTMENTS – JUNE 1997 TO JUNE 1998

	TERM OF OFFICE	SWORN DATE	REMARKS
ACCOUNTANT – ATM 6/4/84, Art 20 – MGL C42; S 55			
Lisa Higgins, 15 Plain St. East	to 6/00	10/21/97	
AGING, COUNCIL ON – 7 – 11 -STM 3/12/73, Art 23, MGL C40; S8B			
Mary Andrews, 540 Berkley St.	to 6/00	07/14/97	
Jesse Costa, 10 Pine St.	to 6/00	08/28/97	
Joan Halloran, 596 Berkley St.	to 6/00	07/14/97	
Jaqueline Raymond, 14 Green St.	to 6/00	09/04/97	
Charles McCarthy, 11 Stanley Ave.	to 6/99	07/17/96	
Clotilde Costa, 10 Pine St.	to 6/99	08/27/96	
Irene Kanabay-Cabana, 753 Berkley St.	to 6/98	06/27/95	
G. Estelle McCarthy, 11 Stanley Ave.	to 6/98	07/17/97	
Anne Victurine, 119 Jerome St.	to 6/00	09/18/97	
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES COORDINATOR			
Vacant			
APPEALS, BOARD OF – 5 -- Town Zoning By-law Art 21			
Carleen Farrington, 750 Berkley St.	to 6/00	07/18/97	
Fred Menard, 9 Lewis Dr.	to 6/00	07/08/97	
Debra Fernandes, 29 South Main St.	to 6/98	08/06/97	
Robert Avilla, 20 Locust St	to 6/98	11/14/97	Alternate
Paul Flint, 56 Bayview Ave.	to 6/98	11/19/97	Alternate
ARTS, COUNCIL ON – At least 5 no more than 22 – Acts 1980 C10; S 35 Acts 1970 C790; S 5			
Now can go 2 3-year terms			
Jeanne Russo, 53 Bayview Ave.	to 6/99	07/02/97	
Leslie Hill, 9 Howland Rd.	to 6/99	09/18/97	
Stephanie Snyder, 9 Howland Rd.	to 6/99	09/24/97	
Dawn Morhy, 7 Howland Rd.	to 6/98	09/10/96	Secy
Janice Rose, 38 Porter St.	to 6/98	11/03/95	Chair
Dara Russo, 53 Bayview Ave.	to 6/98	09/10/96	
Michele Amrock, 4 Stanley Ave.	to 6/98	08/30/96	Co-Treas
Arlene Medeiros, 73 Point St.	to 6/98	08/29/96	Co-Treas
BRIDGE TENDER			
William Ferry, 78 Johnson, St., Taunton	to 6/98	10/02/97	
BUILDING COMMISSIONER			
Irving F. Wallace, Jr., 38 Elm St.	to 6/98	07/22/97	
BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE			
John Dacey, Jr., 51 Townley Dr.	to state election 11/3/98	08/26/97	

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Fred Unger, 179 Bayview Ave.	to 6/99	09/17/97
Fred Whitehouse, 33 Macomber St.	to 6/00	09/24/97
Claudette Rebello, 6 Jessie Ln	to 6/00	10/02/97

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Julie Taylor, 36 Jerome St.	to 6/00	11/12/97
Paul Morhy, 7 Howland Rd.	to 6/99	
Jeanne Russo, 53 Bayview Ave.	to 6/99	07/02/97
Arlene Medeiros, 73 Point St.	to 6/99	09/08/97
Doris Gracia, 7 Point St.	to 6/98	08/29/96
James Cornell, Jr., 72 Locust St.	to 6/98	08/29/96
Paul Modlowski, 23 South Main St.	to 6/98	08/02/96
Elmer Mayes, 33 Algerine St.	to 6/98	
William Gibson, 7 Swing Dr.	to 6/00	12/04/97

CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

Doris Gracia, 7 Point St.	to 6/98	08/29/96
Julie Taylor, 36 Jerome St.	to 6/00	12/16/97
Margaret Moroff, Locust St	to 6/99	01/30/98

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Vacant

CONSERVATION COMMISSION – STM 3/11/74, Art 22 – MGL C40; S8C

Robert Katon, 16 County St.	to 6/00	07/21/97
Alfred Gouveia, Jr., 77 North Main St.	to 6/99	12/02/96
Leonard Gray, 22 Burt St.	to 6/99	12/16/96
Steven Bachand, 768 Berkley St.	to 6/98	09/19/96
Ralph W. Pratt, Jr., 698 Berkley St.	to 6/98	09/29/95

CONSTABLES

Fred Bopp, 93 Bryant St.	to 6/98	09/11/97
Margaret Bopp, 93 Bryant St.	to 6/98	09/12/97
Diane Enos, 25 Plain St. East	to 6/98	07/14/97
William Enos, 25 Plain St. East	to 6/98	07/14/97
John Oliveira, 93 Bryant St.	to 6/98	07/14/97
Anthony Rose, 512 Berkley St.	to 6/98	07/28/97
David Wilson, 571 Berkley St.	to 6/98	07/14/97
Michael J. Flint, 56 Bayview Ave.	to 6/98	09/12/97
Paul M. Flint, 56 Bayview Ave.	to 6/98	09/12/97

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

Fred W. Bopp, 93 Bryant St.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY DIRECTOR

Kevin Partridge, 71 Sanford St.	to 6/98	08/27/97
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF COMMUNITIES AND DEVELOPMENT (EOCD)
(Board of Selectmen Liaison)

Robert Capuano, 98 South Main St

FINANCE COMMITTEE -- 9 -- Town By-law Art 7

Robert Gonder, 57 Seymour St.	to 6/99	09/26/96
Stephen Hutcheson, 59 Bayview Ave.	to 6/99	09/26/96
Wendy Nightingale, 1 John R's Bend	to 6/99	08/29/96
Robert Capuano, 98 South Main St.	to 6/98	10/06/95
Ellen Creel, 106 Padelford St.	to 6/98	06/22/95
Walter Mendzela, 15 Tide Meadows Dr.	to 6/98	06/22/95
Moirra Turpel, 2 John R's Bnd	to 6/98	12/04/97

FIRE CHIEF & FOREST WARDEN

Kevin Partridge, 71 Sanford St.	to 6/98	08/27/97
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GATRA

Mary Andrews Selectmen's Representative

GASFITTING AGENT

Donald French, Somerset Ave., Dighton	to 6/98	10/08/97
Gerald Anctil, 129 South Main St.	to 6/98	Asst

HEALTH, BOARD OF AGENCIES

Burial Permits Agents	Carolyn Awalt and Mary Andrews
Plumbing Inspector	Donald French
Well Inspector	Steven Rapoza
Sanitation Inspectors	Steven Rapoza & James Romano
Health Agents	Steven Rapoza & James Romano

HISTORICAL COMMISSION - 3 to 7 -- ATM 6/18/73, Art 8 -- MGL C40; S8D

Mary Andrews, 540 Berkley St.	to 6/00	08/27/97
Judith Newton, 56 Myricks St.	to 6/00	
Doris Caron, 28 South Main St.	to 6/99	08/02/96

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Maurice Beaudoin, 19 Seymour St.	to 6/99	10/13/94
Robert Katon, 16 County St.	to 6/99	10/04/94
Benjamin Rose, 43 Padelford St.	to 6/98	10/06/93

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Patricia Oliveira	3/31/98	02/14/97
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INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS -- BARN BOOK

James Romano, 222 Bayview Ave.	3/31/98	05/02/97
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JOINT TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GROUP (JTPG)

Gerald Bernard, 14 Town Landing Rd. 06/04/97

LIBRARIAN

Vacant

PERSONNEL BOARD

Elizabeth Lanord, 17 Bayview Ave.	to 6/98	07/03/97
Geraldine Leahy, 7 Forrest St.	to 6/98	08/29/97
Nancy Townley, 7 North Main St.	to 6/98	07/03/97
Donald Velozo, 14 Church St.	to 6/98	07/03/97

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE

Kevin Partridge, 71 Sanford St.	to completion	08/27/96
Mary Andrews, 540 Berkley St.	to completion	08/16/96
Albert P. Pysz, 28 North Main St.	to completion	08/27/96
Duane Dumas, 26 Mill St.	to completion	01/21/97
Harold G. Ashley, 3 South Main St.	to completion	10/16/96

RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE - 5 - ATM 6/10/91

Joe Plunkett, 24 Water St.	to 6/01	10/14/96
Diane Ennis, 17 Pine St.	to 6/99	12/08/95
Robert Madeiros, 77 Anthony St.	to 6/99	12/08/95
Laura Rego, 22 Mill St.	to 6/99	
John Martin, 121 Padelford St.	to 6/98	09/21/93

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Christine Barboza, 68 North Main St.	to 3/00	03/31/97
Marion I. Westgate, 112 Bayview Ave.	to 3/99	03/25/96
Catherine Westgate, 107 Bayview Ave.	to 3/98	06/07/95

REGISTRARS, ASSISTANT

Mary Andrews, 540 Berkley St.	to 3/98
Mary Jane Souza, 10 Pine St.	to 3/98

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Robert James, 31 Kiah's Way, East Sandwich	to completion	ex officio
Lucy Gamache, 607 Berkley St.	to completion	08/26/96
Michelle Hamilton, 17 Hillside Ave.	to completion	08/29/96
John F. Gallagher, Jr., 15 Algerine St.	to completion	05/29/97
Paul Boucher, 19 Macomber St.	to completion	10/01/96

SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD By-law ARTICLE 12 ATM 6/96

Carol Mills	Selectmen		
Steven Leary	Planning Board		
Steven Rapoza	Board of Health		
Stuart Matteson, 3 Town Landing Rd.		to 6/00	10/07/96 Chair
Valerie Murray, 17 Burt St.		to 6/99	10/07/96 Clerk

SPREDD

Karl Eklund Selectmen's Rep

STRATEGIC PLANNING GRANT COMMITTEE

Irving F. Wallace, 38 Elm St.	to 6/98	07/22/97
Patricia Sittig, 12 Mill St.	to 6/98	09/17/97
Gregory Boyd, 12 Mill St.	to 6/98	09/23/97
Jeanne Russo, 53 Bayview Ave.	to 6/98	07/02/97
Barbara Wallace, 38 Elm St.	to 6/98	07/22/97
Jean Harmon, 59 Padelford St.	to 6/98	09/19/97
Helen Souza, 36 Macomber St.	to 6/98	09/29/97
Edwin Devine, Jr., 33 Macomber St.	to 6/98	09/29/97
Ada Whitehouse, 33 Macomber St.	to 6/98	10/01/97

POLICE OFFICERS

Chief Harold G. Ashley, Jr., 3 South Main St.	to 6/98	07/01/97
Scott K. Labonte, 46 Holloway St.	to 6/98	07/18/97
Scott Rose, 518 Berkley St.	to 6/98	09/02/97

RESERVE OFFICERS

Sergeant David N. Wilson, 571 Berkley St.	to 6/98	07/14/97
Christopher DeFortis, 179 1/2 Tremont St., Taunton	to 6/98	08/26/97
Gerald Edwards, 12 Padelford St.	to 6/98	07/14/97
John Gallagher, 15 Algerine St.	to 6/98	07/17/97
Kirk Mumford, 4 Mill Ln, Taunton	to 6/98	08/13/97
Mark Masapollo, 418 Cohannet St., Taunton	to 6/98	08/25/97
Arthur Newhook, 89 Myricks St.	to 6/98	07/31/97
Frank Sylvia, Jr., 415 Warner Blvd., Taunton	to 6/98	07/25/97
William Tedford, III, 166 Dighton Ave., Taunton	to 6/98	08/25/97

PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS

Robert McLeod, 4 Algerine St.	to 6/98	09/10/97
Sheila Martin, 123 Padelford St.	to 6/98	07/30/97

PART TIME

Rosemary Labonte, 46 Holloway St.	to 6/98	10/01/97
Jennifer Lott, 410 King James Blvd, Taunton	to 6/98	11/17/97
Helen McCrohan, 19 Jerome St.	to 6/98	09/22/97

TAX COLLECTOR, ASSISTANT

Lynn Oliveira, 29 Anthony St.	to 6/99	02/13/98
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TOWN CLERK, ASSISTANT

Charles J. Awalt

TREASURER, ASSISTANT

Nancy Towley, 7 North Main St.	to 5/98	11/07/97
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VETERAN'S AGENT

Barbara Albert, 250 Main St., Dighton
Or POBox 452, 02715-0752 – tel. 669-6533

to 6/98 07/03/97

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL – VETERAN'S GRAVES

Kevin Dropps, 141 Bayview Ave.

to 6/98 10/08/97

WIRE INSPECTOR

John Courtney, 74 Plain St East

to 6/98 09/02/97

ZONING BY-LAW STUDY COMMITTEE – 5 – STM

Byron Holmes, 622 Berkley St.
Jean Harmon, 59 Padelford St., Chair
Ada Whitehouse, 33 Macomber St., Secretary
Michael Bertrand, 62 Elm St.
Planning Bd. Rep.

**TOWN OF BERKLEY
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

June 1, 1998

Berkley Community School
Moderator: Kevin Partridge

Attendance 128
Clerk: Carolyn Awalt

The Moderator declaring a quorum present called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded, it was voted: To dispense with the reading of the warrant in its entirety.

The Moderator outlined the details of the proceedings whereby articles will be read once, all persons must be recognized by the Moderator to speak, and all persons must identify themselves clearly at the microphone.

On a motion made and seconded, it was voted: To nominate and elect John Blake as Alternate Moderator.

ARTICLE 1 On a motion by Carol Mills and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To appropriate and transfer from available FY98 the sum of \$15,510.00 to the following accounts:

	FROM:	TO:
\$ 3,508.00	Animal Control Expense	Town Accountant Expense
\$ 2,713.00	Highway Salaries	Town Counsel
\$ 1,114.00	Common Well	Town Counsel
\$ 1,000.00	Veterans Services	Town Counsel
\$ 500.00	Article 13, STM 10/21/96	Fire Department Expense
\$ 4,500.00	Town Clerk Personnel	Town Health Insurance
\$ 1,175.00	Article 11, STM 12/11/97	Public Bldg -N Main St Land Acct
\$ 1,000.00	Elections	Treasurer's Expense

And to appropriate and transfer \$ 1,715.04 for the following FY97 unpaid bills:

\$ 15.04	Animal Control Expense	Town of Dighton for Veteran's Exp
\$ 375.00	Animal Control Expense	E. Otis Dyer, Rehoboth for N. Main St Land Acct
\$ 1,325.00	Article 11, STM 12/11/97	E. Otis Dyer, Rehoboth for N. Main St Land Acct

The Moderator declared that Articles 19, 20 and 27 would be taken up out of order as they dealt with FY 98 monies.

ARTICLE 19. On a motion made by Elizabeth Lanord and seconded, it was voted: To appropriate and transfer from Workers Compensation a sum of \$1,750.00 from available FY98 monies to purchase protective clothing for the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 20. On a motion made by Warren Sylvia and seconded, it was voted: To appropriate and transfer from Workers Compensation a sum of \$1,850.00 from available FY98 monies for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus units (SCBA) for fire fighting operations for the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 27. On a motion made by Carol Mills and seconded, it was voted: To appropriate and transfer \$23,710.00 from Lottery Distribution, \$4,394.00 from Town Accountant Clerical, \$2,896.00 from Town Accountant Salaries and \$4,000.00 from Veteran's Benefits for a total of \$35,000.00 from available FY98 monies for the completion of the Transfer Station Project.

ARTICLE 2.. On a motion made by Elizabeth Lanord and seconded, it was voted: To hear the report of the Finance Committee.

Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Robert Capuano showed by overhead projector a breakdown of revenues, monies authorized outside Proposition 2 1/2 and expenses.

ARTICLE 3. On a motion made by Warren Sylvia and seconded, it was voted: To hear the report of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee.

Chairman, Fred Whitehouse, outlined the committee's recommendations and projections to the next 10 years.

Note: Copy of full text is attached and made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

ARTICLE 4: On a motion made by Carol Mills and seconded, it was voted: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into a contract for the expenditure of any funds allocated by the Commonwealth and/or federally aided programs for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of Town Roads.

ARTICLE 5: On a motion made by Elizabeth Lanord and seconded it was voted: To accept the provisions of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988 amending Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 to allow an additional exemption which shall be uniform for all exemptions and none of which shall exceed 25% of said exemptions for which they qualify for Fiscal Year 1999.

ARTICLE 6: On motion made by Warren Sylvia and seconded, it was voted: To raise and appropriate \$ 6,358,184.00 the funds necessary for the Schools and Library, as recommended by the Finance Committee:

Bristol-Plymouth School	335,769.00
Berkley School Department	5,281,379.00
School Debt Service	631,100.00
Bristol County Agricultural	15,000.00
Public Library	69,936.00
School Land Bond Debt Payment	25,000.00

ARTICLE 7: A motion was made by Carol Mills and seconded to raise and appropriate or appropriate and transfer from available funds the necessary funds as recommended by the Finance Committee for the following departments:

Accountant	
Personnel Services	18,745.00
Clerical	4,394.00
Expenses	7,116.00
Computer Lease	9,400.00
Aging, Council on	5,200.00
Ambulance	
Personnel Services	50,818.00
Expense	11,266.00
Trust	30,000.00
Animal Control	
Expenses	7,561.00
Assessors, Board of	
Personnel Services	18,713.00
Expenses	5,037.00
Annual Tax Maintenance	5,000.00
Professional Mapping	2,000.00
Fire Proof Safe	2,500.00

ARTICLE 7 (continued)

Berkley Dighton Bridge	473.00
Bristol County Retirement	165,508.00
Cable TV Advisory Committee	1,418.00
Celebrations Committee	473.00
Cemetery Department	3,765.00
Collector	
Personnel Services	24,420.00
Expenses	5,384.00
Common, Care of	1,000.00
Communications Center	
Personnel Services	95,099.00
Expenses	800.00
Finance Committee	473.00
Fire Department	
Personnel Services	87,486.00
Expenses	13,204.00
Health, Berkley Group	300,000.00
Highway Department	
Personnel Services	160,823.00
Expenses	72,493.00
Snow Removal	20,000.00
Traffic Safety -spec acct	5,000.00
Used Equipment	5,000.00
Historical Commission	100.00
Interest on Loans	134,436.00
Liability Insurance, Town	50,000.00
Medicare Tax	35,000.00
Moderator	265.00
Personnel Board Expense	709.00
Planning Board	
Clerical	2,322.00
Professional Fees	2,500.00
Police Department	
Personnel Services	186,349.00
Expenses	15,663.00
Grant Matching Funds	2,333.00
Accreditation Program	1,500.00
Public Safety Bldg Expense	23,440.00
Reserve Account	20,000.00
Selectmen	
Personnel Services	18,858.00
Expenses	5,123.00
Common Well	1,536.00
Town Counsel	15,000.00
Town Reports	1,000.00
Audit of Town Accounts	10,500.00
Street Lights	1,350.00
Solid Waste & Recycling	
Personnel Services	39,515.00
Expenses	75,752.00
Recycling Roll Off Hydraulics Lease	6,323.00
Stabilization Fund	00

ARTICLE 7 (continued)

Town Clerk	
Personnel Services	17,151.00
Expenses	3,200.00
Elections	2,724.00
Voter Registration	4,000.00
Town Office Buildings	
Expenses	14,663.00
Treasurer	
Personnel Services	28,000.00
Expenses	13,000.00
Tax Title Expense	3,414.00
Tree Department	2,100.00
Memorial Day & Veterans'	250.00
Veterans' Graves, Care of	250.00
Veterans' Services	
Personnel Services	6,665.00
Expenses	10,335.00
Workers' Compensation	12,000.00

With \$1,907,895 from taxation and \$99,700 from the following available funds:

FOR:	Amount	FROM:
Ambulance Trust	\$30,000.00	Ambulance User Fee
Ambulance Personnel Services	\$25,700.00	Ambulance User Fee
Animal Control Expense	1,317.00	Animal Control Revolving Fund
Highway Expense	\$16,000.00	Gravel Receipts
Town Liability Insurance	\$ 857.00	Planning Board Revolving Fund
	\$12,799.00	Soil Board Revolving Fund
	\$ 325.00	Gas Inspection Revolving Fund
	\$ 5,634.00	Sanitation Revolving Fund
	\$ 148.00	Plumbing Inspector Revolving Fund
	\$ 4,192.00	Well Inspector Revolving Fund
Recycling Hydraulic Roll-off Lease	\$ 2,728.00	Recycling/Solid Waste Revolving Fund

Holds were placed on Accountant's Personnel Services, Cable TV Advisory Committee, Highway Department Expenses, Solid Waste & Recycling Expenses.

The Moderator called for a vote on Article 7 less the holds. The Moderator declared Article 7 voted: By majority.

A motion was made by Fred Unger to double the salary of the Town Accountant. The Moderator noted the motion received no second.

The Moderator called for a vote on the original motion and it was voted: Accountant's Personnel Services at \$18,745.00.

The Moderator declared the question asked on Cable TV Advisory would be addressed in Article 33 further in the meeting.

The Moderator called for a vote on the original motion and it was voted: Cable TV Advisory at \$1,418.00.

Moderator Kevin Partridge stepped down to speak on Highway Expense issue and Alternate John Blake continued the meeting.

On a motion by Raymond Rose and seconded, it was voted: To raise and appropriate \$90,370.00 for Highway Expense.

ARTICLE 7. (continued)

Moderator Kevin Partridge continued the meeting.

A motion was made by Donald Velozo to reduce the Solid Waste & Recycling Expense to \$25,000.00. The Moderator noted the motion received no second.

The Moderator called for a vote on the original motion and it was voted: Solid Waste & Recycling Expense \$75,752.00.

Note: See after Article 10 for breakdown of monies for Article 7.

ARTICLE 8: On a motion made by Elizabeth Lanord and seconded, it was voted: To raise and appropriate the funds necessary to fix the salaries and compensation of all the elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended as follows:

Selectmen	\$ 7,692.00
Chairman \$2685; Clerk \$2564; Member \$2443	
Assessors	\$ 8,384.00
Chairman \$2926; Clerk \$2796; Member \$2662	
Treasurer	\$ 20,680.00
Collector	\$ 21,622.00
Board of Health	\$ 1,837.00
Chairman \$612.34; Members \$612.33	
Town Clerk	\$ 20,680.00
Moderator	\$
Planning Board	\$ 751.00
Chairman \$251.35; Clerk 194.16; Member \$101.83	
School Committee	\$ 751.00
Chairman \$251.35; Clerk 194.16; Member \$101.83	
Cemetery Commission	\$ 297.00
Each Member \$99.00	
Tree Warden	\$ 2,383.00
Highway Surveyor	\$ 43,076.00
Library Chairperson	\$ 164.00

For a total of \$128,317.00 from taxation..

ARTICLE 9. On a motion made by Warren Sylvia and seconded, it was voted: To authorize the Board of Health as the nominating authority to appoint the Assistant Animal Inspector for the purpose of completing the Department of Food and Agriculture Bureau of Animal Health Barn Inspector Book and to set the fee paid to said Inspector at \$300.00 per book. Said monies to be paid from Animal Control Expense Account in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 4A.

ARTICLE 10. On a motion made by Carol Mills Lanord and seconded, it was voted: To authorize the Board of Health to appoint one or more of its members as Agent/s of the Board of Health, Well Inspector/s and Sanitation Inspector/s and to set the salary of fees paid to the Board of Health Agents, Well Inspectors, and Sanitation Inspectors, said monies to be paid from the Sanitation Inspector's Account and the Well Inspector's Account, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Section 4A.

Well Inspection	\$100.00
Perc Tests	\$ 50.00 per hole
Sanitation Permits	\$125.00
Food Service Insp	\$ 50.00

A motion was made and seconded and it was unanimously voted: To reconsider ARTICLE 7.

A motion was made and seconded and it was voted: Article 7 total appropriation to be \$1,925,772.00 with \$99,700.00 from available 53E ½ accounts funds as listed; \$24,320.00 from free cash, and \$1,801,752.00 from taxation.

ARTICLE 11. On a motion made by Elizabeth Lanord and seconded, it was voted: To authorize the Board of Assessors, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 4A to hire one of its members to do annual tax maintenance on real property and to set the fee paid to said member at \$15.00 per parcel. Said funds to be paid from Annual Tax Maintenance Account.

ARTICLE 12 On a motion made by Warren Sylvia seconded, it was voted: To authorize the following departments to establish revolving funds under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 and using fees received by said departments to expend said fees for normal operating expenses and to establish dollar limits for such expenses as follows:

Planning Board Expense \$ 5,000.00
Source: filing/review/performance; Purpose: Clerical/advertising/postage/professional fees/general office supplies & equipment.

Board of Appeals Expense \$ 1,000.00
Source: filing; Purpose: Clerical/advertisement/postage/professional fees/general office supplies & equipment.

Soil Conservation Board Exp \$ 3,000.00
Source: filing fee; expense fees; Purpose: Clerical/advertisement/postage/professional fees/general office supplies & equipment.

Building Inspector Expense \$ 26,000.00
Source: Fees; Purpose: Inspectors Salaries/clerical/advertisement/postage/general office supplies & equipment.

ARTICLE 12 . (continued)

Wiring Inspector Expense \$ 8,000.00
Source: Fees; Purpose: Inspectors salaries/Clerical/advertisement/postage/general office supplies & equipment.

Gas Inspector Expense \$ 500.00
Source: Fees; Purpose: Inspectors salaries/Clerical/advertisement/postage/general office supplies & equipment.

Sanitation Inspector Expense \$16,200.00
Source: Fees; Purpose: Inspectors Salaries/clerical/advertisement/postage/general office supplies & equipment.

Plumbing Inspector Expense \$ 4,000.00
Source: Fees; Purpose: Inspectors Salaries/clerical/advertisement/postage/general office supplies & equipment.

Well Inspector Expense \$ 3,500.00
Source: Fees; Purpose: Inspectors Salaries/clerical/advertisement/postage/general office supplies & equipment.

Solid Waste Expense \$16,338.00
Source: Permit/recyclable sales; Purpose: Salaries, disposal, transportation, utilities & equipment.

Selectmen's Expense \$ 1,500.00
Source: Special Permit fees; Purpose: Advertising/postage/office supplies.

Berkley Public Library \$ 2,000.00
Source: Overdue Book fines; Purpose: Equipment

Animal Control Officer's Exp \$1,000.00
Source: Boarding, pick-up, fines; Purpose: Salaries/veterinarian expense/animal food/transportation/utilities.

ARTICLE 13. On a motion made by Carol Mills and seconded, it was voted: To raise and appropriate a sum of \$200.00 to reimburse the Town of Randolph for Berkley's share of Veteran's Retirement Benefits for Thomas Warren.

ARTICLE 14. On a motion made by Elizabeth Lanord and seconded, it was voted: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an inter-municipal agreement for the provision of consulting and support services for the Town's computerized assessment system and to vote to appropriate and transfer from free cash \$1,500.00 (one thousand five hundred dollars) for membership assessment to a CAMA consortium.

ARTICLE 15. A motion was made by Elizabeth Lanord and seconded to appropriate and transfer from free cash \$9,000.00 to cover step raises for municipal employees for FY99.

A motion was made and seconded by Nancy Townley, Chair of Personnel Board to amend Article 15 to read:
To appropriate and transfer \$23,720.00 from free cash, \$1,280.00 from overlay surplus, and \$20,000.00 from FY99 taxation to cover grade and step raises for municipal employees for FY99 for a total of \$45,000.00 with \$25,000.00 from FY98 available monies and \$20,000.00 from FY99 monies.

A motion was made and seconded to TABLE the amendment.

The Moderator declared the motion to TABLE defeated.

The Moderator called for a vote on Article 15, as amended.

The Moderator called for a hand count vote on the amendment to Article 15. After a hand count vote of 55 YES and 43 NO, the Moderator declared the motion on Article 15 as amended.

The Moderator was asked to count for a quorum.

After a counted vote, the Moderator declared that with 105 voters present and the necessary quorum is maintained.

ARTICLE 16. A motion was made by Carol Mills to appropriate and transfer from free cash \$14,720.00 and \$1,280.00 from overlay surplus for a total of \$16,000.00 for a cost of living raise for all municipal employees with the exception of the School Department and all Elected Officials.

On a motion made and seconded it was voted: To TABLE Article 16.

ARTICLE 17. On a motion made by Elizabeth Lanord and seconded, it was voted: To hear the report of the Public Safety Building Committee and the School Building Committee.

Chairman, Kevin Partridge gave the presentation on the Public Safety Building. Kevin stated the new facility is nearly complete and will be dedicated with an open house June 14, 1998. He thanked architects and committee for their work. He further stated the facility will meet the needs of the departments for years to come.

Note: Copy of complete text is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

ARTICLE 17. (continued)

Dr. James, Superintendent of Berkley Schools, gave the presentation on the School Building Committee. Dr. James stated the project is moving slowly due to obtaining all the necessary State and Local permits. Permits are still pending from DEP. It is hoped there will be a final resolution during the month of June. At this point costs estimates are higher than originally estimated. The committee hopes to advertise the project for bid this summer. Construction is estimated to take eighteen months.

Note: Copy of complete text is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

A Moderator stepped down and Alternate Moderator John Blake continued the meeting.

ARTICLE 18. On a motion made by Warren Sylvia and seconded it was voted: To extend to the next annual Town Meeting the School Building Committee and the Public Safety Building Committee.

Note Articles 19 and 20 were voted after Article 1.

ARTICLE 21. On a motion made by Carol Mills and seconded, it was voted: To appropriate and transfer from the Ambulance User Fee Account the sum of \$8,000.00 for the purchase of a Jaws for Life Power Unit and related equipment for use by the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 22. On a motion by Elizabeth Lanord and seconded, it was voted: To appropriate and transfer from the Ambulance User Fee Account the sum of \$7,800.00 for a four year lease purchase of a command vehicle for the Fire & Rescue Department.

ARTICLE 23. A motion was made by Warren Sylvia and seconded to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer from available funds a sum of money for the lease purchase of a fire engine pumper and related equipment for the Fire & Rescue Department.

A motion was made by Fire Chief Kevin Partridge and seconded and it was voted: To TABLE Article 23.

Kevin Partridge returned as Moderator.

ARTICLE 24. A motion was made by Carol Mills and seconded to see if the town will vote to amend Article 6, Section 2 of the Town of Berkley By-Laws by deleting the words "\$5,000.00" and insert the words "\$10,000.00".

The new Section 2 would read as follows: ARTICLE 6. TOWN CONTRACTS, Section 2. Every officer, board, or committee of the town, when authorized to purchase any supplies or property, or erect, construct, or repair any building, shall in each case when the estimated cost of the entire amount of supplies or property to be purchased, worked or other matter exceeds

ARTICLE 24. (continued)

\$10,000.00 shall make a written contract thereof, and before executing any such contract shall invite proposals thereof by advertising in one or more newspapers in general circulation in the town. Such notices of proposals shall state time and place for opening the proposals, and also reserve the right to reject and all proposals.

On a motion made and seconded it was voted: To TABLE Article 24 due to no public hearing being held, as required by Town By-law, Article 1, Section 1.

ARTICLE 25. A motion was made by Elizabeth Lanord and seconded to accept as public ways the following Streets: Crabapple Drive, Wallace Street, Michael Road, Belchior Drive, Faria Farm Road, Rose Lane, Carlos Estates Drive – Phase I only, 974' from Orchard Street, under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82, Section 23 as they are laid out on a definite plans of sub-divisions approved by the Planning Board.

The Moderator called for a recommendation from the Planning Board. Ed Devine, Chairman, stated the Planning Board recommends acceptance of these roads.

A request was made for the Highway Surveyor's recommendation. Mr. Rose stated these roads were not complete and there were still many problems that should be settled.

The Moderator called for a vote on the original motion. The Moderator declared Article 25 voted: As read.

The Moderator noted the time as 10:05 p.m.

The Moderator asked the petitioner, Steven Nasiff to motion Article 26.

ARTICLE 26. A motion was made by Steven Nasiff to see if the town will vote to accept Osprey Drive as public way.

The Moderator asked for a recommendation from the Planning Board. Chair Ed Devine stated the Planning Board did not recommend accepting Osprey Drive as it was under litigation and acceptance may be harmful to the town's legal case.

On a motion made and seconded, it was voted: To TABLE Article 26.

Note: Article 27 was voted previously after Article 1.

ARTICLE 28. On a motion made by Warren Sylvia and seconded, it was voted: To TABLE Article 28 due to no public hearing being held as required by Town By-law, Article 1, Section 1.

Note: Article 28 was regarding adding a "Separation of Recyclable Materials" By-Law to the Town of Berkley bylaws.

ARTICLE 29. A motion was made by Carol Mills and seconded to rescind the action of the town of March 13, 1995, under Article 8 relative to the appropriation of sixty five thousand (\$65,000) for the rehabilitation and repairs to the Berkley Common Public Well

On a motion by Elizabeth Lanord and seconded it was voted: To TABLE Article 29 as the well on the common is the only current source of water for the town's public buildings.

ARTICLE 30. A motion was made by Elizabeth Lanord to see if the town will vote to appropriate and borrow a sum of money to be added to the appropriation voted on October 21, 1996 Special Town Meeting under Article 6 for the design, construction, and equipping a new school and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow this additional sum of money under MGL Chap 44, Section 7, Subsections 3 and 3A, and the School Building Committee is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

On a motion made and seconded it was voted: To TABLE Article 30.

ARTICLE 31. On a motion by Warren Sylvia and seconded, and it was voted: To appropriate and transfer from overlay surplus the additional sum of \$6,000.00 to purchase materials and labor to upgrade the Town's vehicle underground fuel tanks.

ARTICLE 32. On a motion made by Carol Mills and seconded, it was voted: To appropriate and transfer from overlay surplus the sum of \$5,000.00 for a structural analysis and specifications for repairs to the Town Office Building.

The Moderator was asked by Bob Capuano, Chair of Finance Committee, to count for a quorum.

After a counted vote, the Moderator declared that with 94 voters present and the meeting did not have the necessary quorum.

The meeting was recessed by the Moderator to June 15, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. at the Berkley Community School to consider the remaining articles on the warrant.

Recessed at 10:30 p.m.

TOWN OF BERKLEY
CONTINUATION OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
June 1, 1998 & June 15, 1998

Berkley Community School
Moderator:

Attendance 97
Clerk: Carolyn Awalt

In the absence of the Moderator, Town Clerk, Carolyn Awalt, reconvened the Annual Town Meeting of June 1, 1998 at 7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk noted that there was not a quorum present and stated that according to th Town of Berkley By-law a quorum is required. The Town Clerk further stated that under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 39, Section 13 the meeting could be adjourned without a quorum.

A motion was made and seconded, and it was voted: To adjourn.

Lacking a quorum no vote could be taken and the Town Clerk declared the meeting so adjourned.

The two remaining articles are unfinished business and can be placed on a future warrant:

ARTICLE 33. Regarding \$1,833.00 for the second installment of Berkley's share to retain legal counsel to negotiate a new cable contract between the towns of Berkley, Dighton and Freetown and Media One.

ARTICLE 34. Regarding \$10,000.00 for preliminary analysis and site evaluation by professional consulting engineers for land that may be appropriate for future acquisition for town purposes as recommended by the Capital Planning Committee.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 26, 1998

Berkley Community School
Moderator: Kevin Partridge

Attendance: 125
Clerk: Carolyn Awalt

After declaring a quorum present, the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded and it was voted: To dispense with the reading of the warrant and to take up each article as it written on the warrant.

A motion was made by Carol Mills and seconded to nominate John Blake as Temporary Moderator. Hearing no other nominations, the Moderator called for a vote. It was voted: To nominate and elect John Blake as Temporary Moderator of the meeting.

ARTICLE 1. A motion was made by Carol Mills and seconded, and it was voted: To present the Citizen of the Year Awards for 1998.

The person we honor tonight as the Citizen of the Year for Municipal Service is long overdue in receiving this award. He started out quite young on a study committee, got elected to the Planning Board as a write-in candidate, and then served as Selectmen for 26 years - a total of 36 years of service to the Town of Berkley. In this day and age it is very rare that you find someone willing to put in so much time and energy into a community. But, the rewards are great and what he accomplish during his tenure is his legacy to the town. It is with great honor and pleasure that we present the 1998 Citizen of the Year for municipal service to George Moitoza. Thank you, George, for giving of yourself to the citizens of Berkley. You certainly have made it a better place in which to live.

The person we honor tonight as Citizen of the Year born in Myricks and has lived in town all her life. A long-standing member of the Myricks church she has lent her talent of playing the piano in church also. In her quiet, unassuming way, she assisted her husband in his role as police chief for over 30 years and allowed their home to be used as an office. She answered the phones, did clerical work, and assisted in many different ways. She also served on the Council on Aging for a number of years and maintains an interest in the welfare of senior citizens of Berkley. She has been a friend and donor to the Berkley Historical Society. It is with great honor tonight and pleasure that we present the 1998 Citizen of the Year Award to Verna Ashley. Thank you, Verna, for all you have done for the citizens of Berkley.

Joe Plunkett, Chairman of the Recycling Committee, asked the Moderator permission to present an award. The Committee presented a plaque to Raymond Rose with sincere thanks for is his ongoing efforts for the Recycling & Solid Waste Department.

ARTICLE 2. A motion was made by Warren Sylvia and seconded, and it was voted: To hear the report of the Finance Committee. Chairman Robert Capuano presented the final budget figures for FY99. He stated all budgets were leveled to the FY98 figures. Additional monies were being allocated for a police cruiser, unpaid bills, and the public safety building.

ARTICLE 3. A motion was made by Elizabeth Lanord and seconded, and it was unanimously voted: To appropriate and transfer \$9,720.55 from overlay surplus for unpaid bills of previous years: TO:

Bristol County Registry of Deeds	\$ 17.21
Gay & Gay	4,699.20
Jesse Costa	133.50
VNA of S.E. MA.,Inc	76.00
CVS Pharmacy	172.24
Town of Dighton	23.16
Data Comm Systems	720.00
TMLP	69.93
Bell Atlantic	259.25
Baker & Taylor	568.50
American Flag Source	106.30
MSPCA	30.00
Scottdale Insurance Company	1,210.65
Waste Management Company	415.00
Staples	1,219.61

ARTICLE 4. A motion was made by Carol Mills to amend the Town of Berkley By-laws by adding a new Article 29 "Separation of Recyclable Materials".

SEPARATION OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS.

1. Disposable of recyclable material in trash.

The disposal of any recyclable materials in any trash generated by the residents of the Town of Berkley and its municipal buildings, going to any landfill within the Town of Berkley, or to any waste disposal facility outside the Town of Berkley, if such disposal is provided by the Town, is prohibited.

2. Determination of what constitutes recyclable materials.

The determination of what materials are to be recyclable shall be made by the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee. They are as follows:

Antifreeze, Automobile and Household Batteries, Corrugated cardboard, Fluorescent light bulbs, Glass - clear and colored food and beverage containers, Leaves and grass clippings, Magazines, Metal -any item more than 50% metal, Mixed paper - excluding plastic coated, Newspapers, Paint - including thinners, Phone Books, Plastic Bags - any number, Plastic -#1 (HDPE and #2 (PETE), Textiles, Used Oil and used oil filters, White goods - washers, dryers, freezers, rangers, refrigerators, air conditions.

The total amount of materials recycled must meet or exceed those standards as set forth by state mandate. The committee reserves the right to temporarily remove any item from the above list due to market restrictions or environmental regulations.

3. Violations and Penalties.

Failure to comply with any of the provisions of the Article shall result in a fine of \$25.00.

Habitual violations (more than three in any one fiscal year) may result in the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee revocation of violator(s) disposal permit.

A motion was made and seconded, and it was voted: To amend # 2 by deleting the words "The determination of what materials are to be recyclable shall be made by the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee."

The Moderator called for a vote on Article 4 with the amendment. It was voted, To amend the Town of Berkley By-Laws by adding a new Article 29 "Separation of Recyclable Materials" to read as follows:

SEPARATION OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

1. Disposable of recyclable material in trash.

The disposal of any recyclable materials in any trash generated by the residents of the Town of Berkley and its municipal buildings, going to any landfill within the Town of Berkley, or to any waste disposal facility outside the Town of Berkley, if such disposal is provided by the Town, is prohibited.

2. Determination of what constitutes recyclable materials. They are as follows:

Antifreeze, automobile and household batteries, corrugated cardboard, fluorescent light bulbs, glass - clear and colored food and beverage containers, leaves and grass clippings, magazines, metal -any item more than 50% metal, mixed paper - excluding plastic coated, newspapers, paint - including thinners, phone books, plastic bags - any number, plastic -#1 (HDPE and #2 (PETE), textiles, used oil and used oil filters, white goods - washers, dryers, freezers, rangers, refrigerators, air conditions.

The total amount of materials recycled must meet or exceed those standards as set forth by state mandate. The committee reserves the right to temporarily remove any item from the above list due to market restrictions or environmental regulations.

3. Violations and Penalties.

Failure to comply with any of the provisions of the Article shall result in a fine of \$25.00. Habitual violations (more than three in any one fiscal year) may result in the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee revocation of violator(s) disposal permit.

ARTICLE 5. A motion was made by Warren Sylvia and seconded, and it was voted: To amend Article 6, Section 2 of the Town of Berkley by-laws by deleting the words "five thousand (\$5,000) dollars" and inserting the words "ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars". The new Section 2 shall read as follows:

Article 6. Town Contracts. Section 2. Every officer, board or committee of the town, when authorized to purchase any supplies or property, or erect, construct, or repair any building, shall in each case when the estimated cost of the entire amount of supplies or property to be purchased, worked or other matter exceeds ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars, shall make a written contract thereof, and before executing any such contract shall invite proposals thereof by advertising in one or more newspapers in general circulation in the town. Such notices of proposals shall state time and place for opening the proposals, and also reserve the right to reject any and all proposals.

ARTICLE 6. A motion was made by Elizabeth Lanord and seconded to amend Article 28 of the Town of Berkley Bylaws by deleting the words "quorum of 100 voters" and inserting the words "quorum of 75 voters. Article 28 will now read:

Any Town meeting such as a "yearly town meeting" or "special town meeting" shall require a quorum of seventy-five (75) voters for the legal voting on any town issues according to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 39, Section 13.

After a hand vote the Moderator declared Article 6 DEFEATED.

ARTICLE 7. A motion was made by Carol Mills and seconded to amend Article 12, Section 2 of the Town of Berkley Bylaws by deleting the words "300 feet" and inserting the words "500" feet. The new Section 2 will now read:

Section 2. Abutters. The term "abutter" as used in this by-law shall mean all property owners of record sharing a common boundary line with the site and further include any other owner of record whose property is located within 500 feet of the site boundaries.

A motion was made and seconded to postpone Article 7 until more information call be obtained. DEFEATED.

After a hand vote, the Moderator declared Article 7: DEFEATED.

ARTICLE 8. A motion was made by Warren Sylvia and seconded, and it was voted: To appropriate \$218,829.00 to supplement the Fiscal 1999 budgets of the following departments and to meet this appropriation \$215,385.00 to be raised and \$3,444.00 to be transferred from overlay surplus:

TO :	AMOUNT
Berkley School Department	\$ 146,377.00
Public Library	\$ 8,000.00
Town Accountant Expense	\$ 5,000.00
Animal Control Expense	\$ 439.00
Board of Assessors Expense	\$ 4,413.00
Berkley Dighton Bridge	\$ 27.00
Cable TV Advisory Committee	\$ 82.00
Celebrations Committee	\$ 27.00
Cemetery Department Expense	\$ 235.00
Tax Collector Expense	\$ 2,916.00
Fire Department Expense	\$ 10,416.00
Board of Health Expense	\$ 2,000.00
Personnel Board Expense	\$ 41.00
Police Department Expense	\$ 10,859.00
Board of Selectmen Expense	\$ 1,677.00
Common Well	\$ 89.00
Recycling & Solid Waste Expense	\$ 5,683.00
Election Expense	\$ 2,476.00
Registration Expense	\$ 500.00
Tax Title Expense	\$ 6,586.00
Veterans' Services Expense	\$ 986.00

A motion was made and seconded, and it was voted: To amend Article 8 to include Stabilization Fund for \$10,652.00.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Tax Collector to \$4,111.00. After a hand vote, the Moderator declared the amendment DEFEATED.

The Moderator called for a vote on Article 8 as amended for the sum of \$219,481.00, with \$216,037.00 from taxation and \$3444.00 from overlay surplus. Voted: Unanimous.

ARTICLE 9. A motion was made by Elizabeth Lanord and seconded to raise and appropriate \$24,000.00 to purchase a new police cruiser and related equipment for the police department and to authorize the disposal of one police cruiser as prescribed by MGL and the Town of Berkley Bylaws.

The Moderator called for the recommendation of the Capital Planning Committee.

Chairman, Fred Whitehouse, stated the Committee had approved this purchase at the Annual Meeting in June but due to funding uncertainties it was held.

After a hand vote, the Moderator declared Article 9 as PASSED by majority.

ARTICLE 10. A motion was made by Carol Mills and seconded, and it was voted: That \$382,000.00 be appropriated for the purpose of financing the construction of a well to replace the town well located on town land to provide water for town owned buildings in the common area, including the new middle school; including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as most recently amended by St. 1998, c78; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$382,000.00 and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as most recently amended by St 1998, C. 78; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of chapter 29C, as most recently amended by St 1998, c78; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C, as most recently amended by St 1998, c78; and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; and that the School Building Committee is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection and/or other appropriate local body or official, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

ARTICLE 11. A motion was made by Warren Sylvia and seconded to raise and appropriate \$10,300.00 for the Public Safety Building Project.

An amendment was made by Robert Capuano and seconded, and it was voted: To amend Article 11 to read \$9,648.00 for the Public Safety Building Project.

A motion was made and seconded, and it was voted: To Adjourn.

Adjourned: 9:15 p.m.

STATE PRIMARY SEPTEMBER 15, 1998

REPUBLICAN
161 VOTES

GOVERNOR	
Argeo Paul Cellucci	72
Joseph D. Malone	88
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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	
Janet E. Jeghelian	73
Jane Maria Swift	68
Blank	20
ATTORNEY GENERAL	
Brad Bailey	122
Blank	39
SECRETARY OF STATE	
Dale C. Jenkins, Jr.	117
Blank	44
TREASURER	
Robert A. Maginn	114
Blank	47
AUDITOR	
Michael T. Duffy	113
Blank	48
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	
Blank	161
COUNCILLOR	
Blank	161
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	
Blank	161
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	
David A. Gillis	113
Blank	48
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	
Blank	161
SHERIFF	
Thomas M. Hodgson	127
Blank	34
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	
Blank	161

DEMOCRATIC
211 VOTES

GOVERNOR	
Brian J. Donnelly	40
Scott Harshbarger	96
Patricia McGovern	68
Blank	7
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	
Dorothy A. Kelly Gay	87
Warren E. Tolman	95
Blank	29
ATTORNEY GENERAL	
Lois G. Pines	104
Thomas F. Reilly	94
Blank	13
SECRETARY OF STATE	
William Francis Galvin	141
Blank	70
TREASURER	
Shannon P. O'Brien	139
Blank	72
AUDITOR	
A. Joseph DeNucci	138
Blank	73
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	
Barney Frank	156
Blank	55
COUNCILLOR	
David F. Constantine	110
J. Mark Treadup	55
Blank	46
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	
Marc R. Pacheco	170
Blank	41
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	
John F. Quinn	166
Blank	45
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	
Paul F. Walsh, Jr.	137
Blank	74
SHERIFF	
Joseph McIntyre	68
Robert J. St. Jean	49
Steven Michael Walsh	57
Blank	37
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	
Maria F. Lopes	112
James W. Coyne, Jr.	66
Blank	33

	REFORM 0 VOTES
GOVERNOR Blank	0
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR Blank	0
ATTORNEY GENERAL Blank	0
SECRETARY OF STATE Blank	0
TREASURER Blank	0
AUDITOR Blank	0
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS Blank	0
COUNCILLOR Blank	0
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT Blank	0
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT Blank	0
DISTRICT ATTORNEY Blank	0
SHERIFF Blank	0
COUNTY COMMISSIONER Blank	0

**TOWN OF BERKLEY
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MAY 9, 1998**

163 VOTED OF 3006 VOTERS = 5%

MODERATOR –		
KEVIN P. PARTRIDGE, 71 SANFORD ST		104
BLANK & SCATTERING		59
SELECTMAN –		
WARREN P. SYLVIA, JR, 37 PLAIN ST EAST		92
BLANK & SCATTERING		71
COLLECTOR OF TAXES –		
NANCY L. TOWNLEY, 7 NORTH MAIN ST		112
BLANK & SCATTERING		51
BOARD OF ASSESSOR –		
GERALDINE A. LEAHY, 7 FORREST ST		90
CARLEEN E. FARRINGTON, 750 BERKLEY ST		61
BLANK & SCATTERING		12
PLANNING BOARD –		
PAUL M. FLINT, 56 BAYVIEW AVE		93
BLANK & SCATTERING		70
TREE WARDEN –		
RAYMOND D. ROSE, 38 PORTER ST		113
BLANK & SCATTERING		50
HIGHWAY SURVEYOR –		
RAYMOND D. ROSE, 38 PORTER ST		114
BLANK & SCATTERING		49
BOARD OF HEALTH –		
STEVEN C. RAPOZA, 91 BAYVIEW AVE		117
BLANK & SCATTERING		46
SCHOOL COMMITTEE –		
JOHN F. GALLAGHER, JR, 15 ALGERINE ST		87
MARYANN SMITH, 65 LOCUST ST		84
BLANK & SCATTERING		155
LIBRARY TRUSTEE –		
JUNE F. MOSKAL, 125 BAYVIEW AVE		117
BLANK & SCATTERING		46
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS –		
ERIC J. OLIVEIRA, 29 ANTHONY ST		113
BLANK & SCATTERING		50

STATE ELECTION

NOVEMBER 3, 1998

1422 VOTED

GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT	
Cellucci and Swift	795
Harshbarger and Tolman	579
Cook and Israel	27
Blank	21
ATTORNEY GENERAL	
Brad Bailey	527
Thomas F. Reilly	813
Blank	82
SECRETARY OF STATE	
William Francis Galvin	820
Dale C. Jenkins, Jr.	404
David L. Atkinson	94
Blank	104
TREASURER	
Bob Maginn	489
Shannon P. O'Brien	781
Merton B. Baker	53
Blank	99
AUDITOR	
A. Joseph DeNucci	768
Michael T. Duffy	419
Carla A. Howell	123
Blank	112
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	
Barney Frank	993
Blank	429
COUNCILLOR	
David F. Constantine	933
Blank	489
SENATOR ON GENERAL COURT	
Marc R. Pacheco	1079
Blank	343
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	
John F. Quinn	946
David A. Gillis	408
Blank	68
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	
Paul F. Walsh, Jr.	980
Blank	442
SHERIFF	
Thomas M. Hodgson	709
Joseph McIntyre	496
Wayne G. Rego	69
Edward J. Wiley	42
Blank	106

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Maria F. Lopes	693
Patrick H. Harrington	381
Joan E. Harwood	150
Blank	198

REGIONAL VOC. SCHOOL COMMITTEE (BERKLEY)

Dennis Plogger	1068
Blank	354

REGIONAL VOC. SCHOOL COMMITTEE (BRIDGEWATER)

Blank	1422
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REGIONAL VOC. SCHOOL COMMITTEE (MIDDLEBORO)

Robert S. Welch	761
Ronald S. Schmidt	201
Blank	460

REGIONAL VOC. SCHOOL COMMITTEE (RAYNHAM)

Catherine M. Williams	881
Blank	541

REGIONAL VOC. SCHOOL COMMITTEE (TAUNTON)

Steven A. Furtado	799
Nuno J. Sousa	476
Blank	1569

QUESTION NO. 1

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

DO YOU APPROVE OF THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION SUMMARIZED BELOW, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE GENERAL COURT IN JOINT SESSIONS OF THE TWO HOUSES ON JULY 29, 1996(YEAS 127 - NAYS 65); AND AGAIN ON JUNE 9, 1998(YEAS 149 - NAYS 41) ?

SUMMARY: TO PROHIBIT STATE LEGISLATORS FROM CHANGING THEIR BASE PAY.

YES	1000
NO	326
BLANK	96

QUESTION NO. 2

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

DO YOU APPROVE OF A LAW SUMMARIZED BELOW, ON WHICH NO VOTE WAS TAKEN BY THE SENATE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BEFORE MAY 6, 1998?

SUMMARY: CHANGES IN THE LAWS GOVERNING PUBLIC FINANCING OF CAMPAIGNS.

YES	856
NO	442
BLANK	124

QUESTION NO. 3

LAW PROPOSED BY INIATIVE PETITION

DO YOU APPROVE OF A LAW SUMMARIZED BELOW, *ON WHICH NO VOTE WAS TAKEN BY THE SENATE OR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BEFORE MAY 6, 1998?*
SUMMARY: TO CHANGE THE STATE INCOME TAX RATE ON INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME BY REDUCING IT.

YES	1079
NO	242
BLANK	101

QUESTION NO. 4

REFERENDUM ON AN EXISTING LAW

DO YOU APPROVE OF A LAW SUMMARIZED BELOW, *WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON NOVEMBER 19, 1997 BY A VOTE OF 124 TO 30, APPROVED BY THE SENATE ON NOVEMBER 19, 1997 BY A VOTE OF 32 TO 6?*
SUMMARY: TO CONTINUE THE NEW LAW CHANGING THE ELECTRIC UTILITY INDUSTRY.

YES	909
NO	438
BLANK	75

18 MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1998

GROOM	BRIDE	DATE	PLACE
Cloutier, Chad D	Reyes, Jacqueline S	Jan. 3, 1998	Dighton
Warden, Stephen I	Paulo, Kathryn A	Mar. 21, 1998	Taunton
Simmons, David M	Cambra, Mariette J	Apr. 25, 1998	Berkley
DeSousa, Antonio V	Mucciarone, Jennifer L	May 3, 1998	Freetown
Kruszkowski, Martin J	Swift, Jayne L	July 19, 1998	Boxborough
Rose, Scott M	Quental, Sarah A	June 6, 1998	Berkley
Bilodeau, Brad P	Whalon, Christine G	July 4, 1998	Berkley
Medeiros, James A	Kelleher, Kristen A	July 18, 1998	Easton
Bitondo, David	Jackson, Tracy A	July 26, 1998	Barre
O'Brien, Michael R	Mahoney, Patricia L	June 28, 1998	Norton
Mondeau, David W	Souza, Stacy A	Aug. 22, 1998	Freetown
Leonard, Gregory S	Patten, Cynthia A	Aug. 1, 1998	Berkley
Ross, Franklin D	MacMaster, Valerie J	Sept. 19, 1998	Berkley
McAlon, David P	Robinson, Becky A	Sept. 19, 1998	East Bridgewater
DeSilva, Edward	Cole, Marie D	Sept. 27, 1998	Berkley
Howe, Scott J	Laffan, Rebecca M	Sept. 20, 1998	Dighton
Mendoza, Daniel J	Wells, Kathleen M	Oct. 4, 1998	Berkley
Panzarino, Frank J	Sampson, Charlotte A	Oct. 10, 1998	Berkley

THERE WERE 77 BIRTHS IN 1998

17 DEATHS RECORDED IN 1998

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE
Trefethen, John C	Dec. 23, 1917	Jan. 15, 1998	Taunton
Kula, Stephanie R	Nov. 10, 1919	Feb. 19, 1998	Taunton
Campeto, Frank M	Nov. 24, 1916	Mar. 26, 1998	Fall River
Jones Sr., Herbert G	Feb. 20, 1924	Mar. 10, 1998	Berkley
Adams, Eleanor A	Feb. 11, 1907	Mar. 6, 1998	Middleborough
Cabana, Armand J	July 7, 1923	Mar. 29, 1998	Taunton
Goudreau, Lois E	Feb. 8, 1919	Jan. 4, 1998	Boston
Haskins, Alice R	Dec. 24, 1915	Apr. 12, 1998	Raynham
Galt, Robert C	Nov. 9, 1936	May 26, 1998	Berkley
Martin, Paul M	Oct. 9, 1934	May 2, 1998	Taunton
Parker Jr., Robert E	May 21, 1943	May 15, 1998	Taunton
Kostka, Sophie J	May 15, 1914	May 29, 1998	Taunton
St. Laurent, Michael E	Oct. 22, 1956	June 30, 1998	Taunton
Couto, Alan	Feb. 8, 1981	July 19, 1998	Wareham
Crimlisk, Russell A	Mar. 13, 1923	Nov. 16, 1998	Fall River
Harmon, Douglass	Dec. 3, 1998	Dec. 3, 1998	Taunton
Jones, David F	Sept. 14, 1947	Dec. 9, 1998	Taunton

ANNUAL REPORT BOARD OF REGISTRARS

As always, we encourage all households to respond to our annual census mailings that are sent out prior to the first of each year. By responding right away, this saves on our tax dollars for we wouldn't have to send out any follow-up mailings. By cooperating this benefits the town greatly.

As of December 31, 1998, the total number of registered voters were 2997. This breaks down into 717 Democrats, 436 Republicans, 17 Libertarians, 1 Inter. 3rd Party, and 1826 Unenrolled.

Marion Westgate
Catherine Westgate
Christine Barboza
Carolyn Awalt, Ex-Officio

ANNUAL REPORT BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to present their Annual Report for the calendar year 1998.

After a number of years of meeting on Thursday evenings, on June 18, 1998, the Board of Selectmen voted to change to Wednesday evenings, effective July 8, 1998.

The Executive Office of Environmental Affairs congratulated the Town of Berkley on receiving a "Grade A" on the 1998 Municipal Recycling Report Card for recycling 34% of its municipal solid waste. Congratulations to the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee for a job well done!

After 26 years as a Selectman, George Moitoza decided to "retire" this past May. The Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, thanks him for his outstanding service to the Town of Berkley.

In May we welcomed Warren Sylvia as a member of the Board.

We had another change in Accountants this year. In May, Lisa Higgins, the Town Accountant since June 1997, resigned. This was the second year in a row that a Town Accountant resigned at the end of the fiscal year. The Board was successful on June 25, 1998, in hiring Joan Arruda of North Dartmouth to the position of Town Accountant.

In June we hired Sheila Andrus as Animal Control Officer.

The highlight of the year for the Town was the dedication of the Public Safety Building on June 14, 1998. This was a great milestone for the Town, as it replaced our outdated facilities and brought the Police and Fire Departments under one roof. The Town extends its thanks and appreciation to the Public Safety Committee for their dedication, time, effort, and coming in under budget on this project.

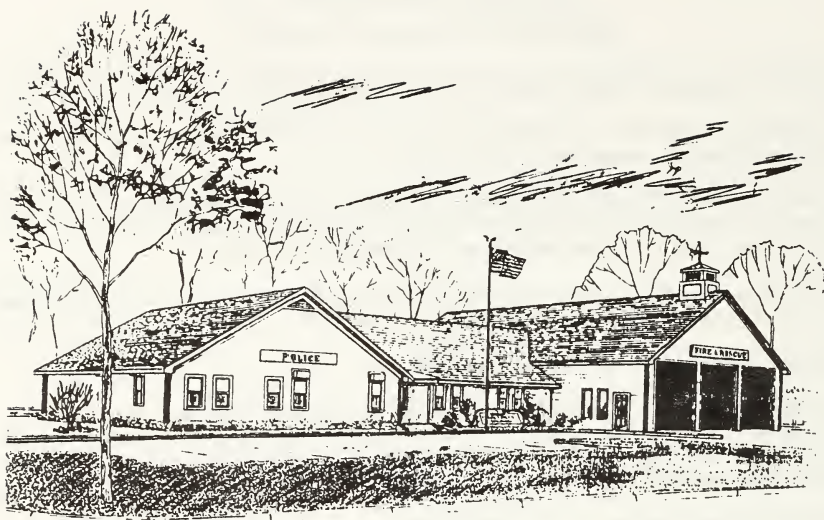
The Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) issued the following permits:

Agway Padelford Street	Additional Building
Omnipoint Corporation 16 County Street	Cell Tower
Myricks Methodist Church	Sign
Malloch Construction Co. 113 Padelford Street	Change of use of building to office

We have encountered a number of changes this past year. This is expected as Berkley continues to grow. We are always encouraging the participation of citizens to serve on committees and boards. Please participate in your government by serving on committees. If interested, contact our office, which is open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Berkley Board of Selectmen

Carol Andrews Mills, Chair
Elizabeth A. Lanord, Clerk
Warren P. Sylvia, Member



BERKLEY PUBLIC
SAFETY
BUILDING
COMMITTEE
DEDICATION
&
OPEN HOUSE
JUNE 14, 1998
1:00-4:00 P.M.

THE BERKLEY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMMITTEE
INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEDICATION AND
OPEN HOUSE OF OUR NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING AT
5 NORTH MAIN STREET
CEREMONIES WILL BEGIN AT 1:00 P.M. AND TOURS OF
THE FACILITY AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BRIEF SPEAKING
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BERKLEY FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT FIRE, EMS & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

I HEREBY SUBMIT MY REPORT AS CHIEF OF THE BERKLEY FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 1998.

As the Community continues to increase the number of houses, people and businesses, the calls for service continue to increase. Once again calls for service in 1998 was the most the Department has answered in a single year. The growth of the community has placed additional burden on the fire & rescue department and its personnel while the budget has remained level funded.

The Towns people and the Officials of the Town are fortunate to have a dedicated group of people who provide the Town their Emergency Medical services and fire fighting services. These men and woman do an outstanding job for the Town and its citizens. They respond all hours of the day and night on weekdays or weekend, and holidays. Whatever time, whatever the weather conditions, what ever they are doing, these men and woman are there to provide this valuable service to the Town. I would like to express my sincere appreciation for their continued support, and hard work providing the emergency service this department provides the Town of Berkley.

The Department made the big move from its outdated and antiquated trailer and station to the New Public Safety Building. The new facility will help to improve the service we provide to the public, and provide a sense of pride for our personnel. Having ample room to work on our apparatus in the station, having ample room to store all the equipment under one roof has been realized by the new facility. The completion of this new facility is a milestone for the department; a much-needed project and one very much appreciated by this Chief and the members of the department. I thank all the members of the department for their support and commitment to the project. I wish to express my thanks to the Building Committee of Mary Andrews, Captain Albert Paul Pysz, Duane Dumas and Chief Ashley whom worked to bring this project to fruition.

The Department continues to have a problem of retaining personnel, primarily due to the fact that there is no affordable housing or apartments available in Berkley. The majority of the people coming forth to become firefighters and or EMT's are young men and woman. Many of these people either are getting married or have decided to live on there own, only to have to move out of Berkley to find a place. We are trying to attract men and women who are settled down here in Berkley, with the hope that once they have completed the extensive training they will be here for awhile to help us out. The department hired several new call firefighters to the ranks; they are William Cabeceiras, Dave Brier, and John Paul Benoit, all of which will attend a firefighter I/II training program. Firefighter David Simmons was awarded the Rookie of the Year Award for 1998.

The Department runs a continuous training program for its personnel for both EMT's and firefighters. The members of the department will put in many hours of their own time for training classes, to meet the requirements of the federal, state or the department. Training is done to keep all personnel up to par on their skills and also learn new techniques that will help us improve the delivery of the service we provide at the highest level of safety possible.

Our apparatus is in need of a transfusion. The engine on the 1973 Ford on loan from Somerset needed replacing and was out of service for quite some time during the year. The two main pumpers of the Department are 27 and 30 years old, and it shows. These two pieces need to be replaced to improve the safety of the personnel and also to assure we have a reliable pumper to respond with to any emergency in town. With the station complete, I as the Chief of the Department believe it is my duty to work hard to find a way to provide this department with safe and reliable equipment. The Town must take steps to bring our apparatus and equipment up to current standards and have a continuous replacement program setup for years to come.

The issue of pay for our call personnel continues to go unanswered by the Personnel Board. I have approached the Personnel Board on several occasions to bring our personnel up to par with other call personnel in the area as well as our full-time people. It is unfair that certain employees receive attention and others do not. The service the members of the department provide this town far out ways any compensation given to them.

This Department as well as others who provide valuable service to the town cannot continue to go with out increases to the budgets. Request for services continues to increase and the budget can only stretch so far. We continue to take from one line item to make up for another and things go unattended to. Purchase of new equipment has come to a slowed pace. Protective clothing is down to one or two sets a year, this is unacceptable when you have 40 plus personnel on the force to protect. We began a replacement program for protective clothing, scba's and hose, and it began well, only to come to a halt due to budget restraints. This will put us right back in the same situation we were in when the replacement program began. The replacement of outdated and inadequate equipment has been our goal and will continue to be. The department needs to be able to purchase new equipment and keep up with the changes in technology. If we do not continually replace our equipment then it will put our personnel and the resident in jeopardy.



TOWN OF BERKLEY
MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF
FIRE & RESCUE

Bus. (508) 822-7516
 Bus. (508) 822-6354
 FAX (508) 828-1451

NORTH MAIN STREET
 BERKLEY, MA 02779

KEVIN P. PARTRIDGE
 FIRE CHIEF

YEARLY ACTIVITY SUMMARY OF 1998 FIRE

8 STRUCTURES	32 INVESTIGATIONS
11 AUTOMOBILE	33 FALSE ALARMS
45 BRUSH, GRASS, WOODS	4 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
50 CELLAR PUMPING/MISC	4 MEDICAL ASSIST
39 PUBLIC ASSIST	1 EXTRICATIONS
2 WATER/ICE RESCUE	6 FURNACE MALFUNCTIONS
2 CHIMNEY FIRE	16 CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS
2 SEARCH	59 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS
8 MISC. FIRES	2 BOMB THREAT
11 MUTUAL AID TO ANOTHER COMMUNITY	1 MUTUAL AID FROM ANOTHER COMMUNITY

MEDICAL

157 HOUSE CALLS/MEDICAL EMERGENCIES	35 MUTUAL AID TO ANOTHER COMMUNITY
40 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	10 MUTUAL AID FROM ANOTHER COMMUNITY
13 ACCIDENT OTHERS	108 ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT
13 PUBLIC ASSIST	81 PATIENT REFUSAL
2 ROUTINE TRANSPORT TO HOSPITAL	8 ROUTINE TRANSPORT FROM HOSPITAL
74 ALS CALLS	

	<u>PERMITS</u>	<u>INSPECTIONS</u>
PLANS REVIEW	58	
SMOKE DETECTORS		117
SCHOOL INSPECTIONS/FIRE DRILLS		10
GROUP HOME INSPECTIONS		4
I.P. STORAGE	32	17
OIL BURNER	41	32
GUN POWDER STORAGE	1	
TANK TRUCK	1	1
OPEN BURNING SEASONAL	631	
OPEN BURNING AGRICULTURAL	14	
BLASTING PERMITS	3	
FIRE ALARM PERMITS	3	3
UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REMOVALS	6	10
AMMUNITION	1	

TRAINING PROGRAM

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING SESSIONS:	13	FIREFIGHTER TRAINING HOURS :	1012
EMT TRAINING SESSIONS	23	EMT TRAINING HOURS	749

\$ 7,370.00 TOTAL INCOME FROM FIRE INSPECTIONS & PERMITS FY98 : JULY.1, 1997-
 JUNE.31, 1998 (INSPECTIONS, PERMITS, BURNING PERMITS, AND MISC. FEES)

TOWN OF BERKLEY

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted to Town Meeting, June 1, 1998

The Capital Improvement Planning Committee respectfully submits this first Annual Report for the Town of Berkley. We recognize that it is somewhat limited, at this time, but we expect future reports to be more comprehensive as the flow of information accrues.

We thank those department managers who replied promptly to our request for information and for their cooperation in compiling the inventory of capital assets for the town. We are waiting for only a couple of departments, having significant capital assets, to submit their inventories and long-range projections.

Over the last 8 years or so, those taxpayers who regularly attend Town Meetings have become keenly aware that Berkley has been experiencing difficulty in overcoming deficits in our budget by not funding capital improvements and often not performing necessary maintenance, due to a critical lack of funds. The town and its taxpayers are now suffering from too many short-term solutions to long-term problems. Many of our older assets are in need of replacement. The Town Office Building needs major repairs, and all the town buildings need to be properly maintained. Outdated and overly-used equipment require much time and many man-hours to simply maintain; time and man-hours that could and should be put to better use working more productively. This is a classic case of "pay now or pay more later".

In addition, taxpayers are not only faced with rising debt payments, but increased budget outlays for capital items that should have appropriate capital budgeting established that will allow us to save money, by paying cash, rather than leasing or borrowing for equipment and vehicles. To achieve this, it is necessary for all departments to become more efficient and productive through creative planning, re-thinking roles and duties, re-thinking priorities, using better equipment and facilities, and rewarding staff better. Town employees should be better compensated in order to retain, attract, and motivate good workers.

Berkley has spent several years with expenditures and the growth of government staff outpacing the growth of the population, or the economy, as a whole. With major new sources of revenue not in the foreseeable future, we feel it is essential to transfer about 5% of the town's revenues from operating expenses to capital expenditures. We need to establish significant levels of funding that will support urgent capital needs that have been clearly identified. We are seeking to earmark Free Cash funds toward capital expenditures, as is done in many other communities. However, Free Cash alone, will not be adequate to carry out a responsible capital improvement program.

We probably need to reduce, combine or eliminate some functions and staff positions. Only with a leaner operating budget will we be able to balance a budget which includes critically-needed equipment, long overdue capital expenditures, proper maintenance, and better pay for town employees.

We are fortunate to have good management already in place in our town's major departments. We should be able to trust their judgement in deciding what equipment is needed and to effect necessary changes to achieve their goals. Accordingly, we suggest the Selectmen and Finance Committee take the following steps in preparation for a special Town Meeting in the fall:

1. Commit at least \$250,000 overall, in next years budget, to capital projects with priority going to those departments that can free-up money for those purchases from their operating budgets.
2. Create a one-time-only package of financial incentives, designed by the Finance Committee and Personnel Board, to encourage early retirement by town employees.
3. Ask all department managers to prepare a budget reflecting a 5% shift from operating expenses to capital expenditures through whatever means they feel is appropriate; an increase in wages and salaries for all staff remaining after reorganization; and an operational plan for maintaining the level of services provided through the restructured organizational plan.
4. Recognize and reward department managers for their contributions by bringing management salaries in town up to general parity with comparable surrounding communities and with comparable private sector responsibilities, as quickly as possible.

This proposal is not intended as criticism, in any way. Good management of any organization includes reorganizing, at times. The choice is between a well-planned voluntary reorganization now, or a more unpleasant one, forced through more difficult financial circumstances in the future.

We believe our job is not to simply react to each current problem as it arises, but rather to look to the future and prevent these ongoing problems. We believe that this proposal reflects the best way that our committee, the Selectmen, Finance Committee, and department managers can responsibly meet our respective obligations. We ask that every department reorganize their own budget without resorting to pitting one department's needs and priorities against another. We trust the Selectmen and Finance Committee to provide the leadership and determination to make such a reorganization a reality.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Whitehouse, Claudette Rebello, Fred Unger

TOWN OF BERKLEY
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1998-99

DEPARTMENT	ITEM	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Jaws of Life	8,000	Recommended
	SCBA Gear	6,500	Recommended
	Turn Out Gear	4,500	Recommended
	Command Vehicle	32,000	Considered low priority
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	Grader	45,000*	Needs attending to a.s.a.p.
	Fuel Dispenser	6,000	Considered low priority
POLICE DEPARTMENT	Cruiser	23,000	Recommended
RECYCLING DEPARTMENT	Fence	12,000	Considered low priority
	Road Improvement	8,000	Recommended
	Electricity	15,000	Recommended
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	Prelim. Eng. Appraisal	10,000*	To choose new land
	Well Expenses	382,372*	Documented cost unavailable
	New Modular	75,000*	Needs attending to a.s.a.p.
SELECTMEN/TOWN OFFICE	Engineering Fees	5,000	Recommended
	Repairs	25,000*	Updated cost unavailable

\$ 70,000 * Requires further information for determination.
Recommended

TOWN OF BERKLEY
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

10-YEAR PROJECTIONS

DEPARTMENT	ITEM	PROJECTED AMOUNT
COUNCIL ON AGING	Building	Unspecified
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Protective Gear	(10x\$11,000)=\$110,000
	New Pumper	180,000
	Other Vehicles	70,000
	Building Maintenance	20,000
	Ambulance	80,000
HIGHWAY DEPT.	Roads	(Potential)\$1,000,000
	Grader	45,000
LIBRARY	Repairs & Expansion	Unspecified
	Maintenance	25,000
POLICE DEPT.	Cruisers	250,000
	Operating Equipment	100,000
RECYCLING DEPT.	Repairs/Improvements	25,000
SCHOOL DEPT.	New School Building	(by 2008) \$13,000,000
SELECTMEN/BLDG.	Repairs/Maintenance	50,000
	Improvements	25,000
	New Information System	50,000

\$15,030,000

At this time, we have not been informed of any other needs, but assume there will be a 10% contingency factor to cover other needs, as they arise.

ANNUAL REPORT BOARD OF HEALTH

In 1998 the Board of Health held meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. At our reorganization meeting in May, the Board voted:

James Romano	Chairman
Scott Fournier	Clerk
Steven Rapoza	Member
Steven Rapoza	Soil Conservation Board
James Romano/Steven Rapoza/ Scott Fournier	Sanitation Inspectors
Steven Rapoza/Scott Fournier/ James Romano	Well Inspectors
James Romano/Steven Rapoza/ Scott Fournier	Health Agents
	Animal Inspector
James Romano	Assistant Animal Inspector
Donald French	Plumbing Inspector
Carolyn Awalt	Burial Agent
Elizabeth Kenny	Burial Permit Agent

The following permits were issued in 1998:

Myotherapy	1
Tanning	1
Disposal Works Installers	26
Disposal Works Construction	62
Well	55
Piggery	1
Rubbish Hauling	7
Food Service	6
Milk & Cream	6
Pumping Permit	1

Each Disposal Works Construction Permit requires 3 inspections. Each Well Permit requires 1 inspection, and over 500 various other inspections were performed.

During the year, the Board passed regulations prohibiting smoking in public buildings as well regulations for the licensing of tobacco sales. The Board also updated and revised its regulations pertaining to Subsurface Disposal, Well, and Land Development.

In closing we would like to thank the various appointees for the professional manner in which they performed their duties. Special thanks to all boards, committees, and departments which help us to keep Berkeley a safe and healthy environment in which to live.

1998 ANNUAL REPORT BERKLEY CULTURAL COUNCIL

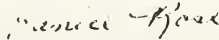
The Berkley Cultural met three times in 1998. All meetings were held at the Berkley Town Office Building. The Dates were as follows: August 26, November 10, and December 1st.

At the November 10th meeting \$2840.00 of grant funds were awarded as follows: \$550.00 Davis Bates (Stories & Song) \$750.00 Star Players of Taunton (Musical Production) \$325.00 Elisa Pearlman (Storyteller for Berkley Library) \$20.00 Jim Douglas (School Directory for Internet) \$500.00 Taunton City Band (Concert on Berkley Common) \$342.00 Bob Thomas (Stories & Dance) \$350.00 Michael Tougas (Discovering the Taunton River).

On November 10th new officers were elected and new council members were welcomed. The council also met on December 1st with Mass. Cultural Council Field Representative Patricia Walker. She instructed members on current guidelines and answered questions from our group.

Current BCC members are as follows: Janice Rose Chairperson, Jeanne Russo Secretary, Michelle Amrock Treasurer, Pamela Vaz, Anne St. Pierre, Dara Russo, and Joan Halloran.

Respectfully Submitted



Janice Rose
Berkley Cultural Council

ANNUAL REPORT
COUNCIL ON AGING
July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998

The Berkley Council on Aging offers services to senior citizens in the Town of Berkley which include health clinics, food distribution, flu clinics, hearing aid assistance, assistance preparing food stamp applications, assisting with Senior Pharmacy Program applications, referring clients for Meals on Wheels, reporting Elderly Abuse, offering educational seminars which included Registry of Motor Vehicles presentation on safe driving and a presentation by the District Attorney's office and a presentation by Senior Horizons representatives. Bus trips have been to destinations such as Foxwoods, Scallop Festival, and the Kennedy Library. Dial-A-Ride is used in the Town of Berkley and we held our first COA Picnic for seniors in town.

A COA Newsletter was begun this year and goes to each person aged 60 or over who resides in the Town of Berkley.

COA members continued their education regarding elderly assistance by attending conferences at MCOA and a Southeastern CIRCA meeting in Edgartown. COA members also attended a formula grant seminar sponsored by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

Isabell Rogers resigned after serving on the COA for many years, and was replaced by Anne Victurine.

We wish to thank Troop 31 for their food collections, the fire department for their assistance in providing smoke alarms and for checking blood pressures of senior citizens. We also thank the highway department for their many services to us.

Mary Andrews, Chairman
Jesse Costa, Vice Chairman
Joan Halloran, Secretary
Tillie Costa, Treasurer
Estelle McCarthy
Ed McCarthy
Irene Kanabay-Cabana
Jackie Raymond
Anne Victurine

Town of Berkley Highway Department

Highway Surveyor - Tree Warden

Raymond D. Rose, Superintendent

3R North Main St., Berkley, MA 02779

508-824-8380

FY 98 Annual Report

Our annual repaving of streets has been steadily moving forward. This year we grouped together a section of the Town to be resurfaced. Beach Street, Hillside Avenue, Freeman Street, Jessie Lane, Water Street and Burt Street were completed with Type I asphalt.

The Seymour Street project will begin and it will be split into two different projects. From Plain Street East to Padelford Street will be resurfaced with drainage installed and will be paid by State funds. The other 1.4 miles we will use recyclable asphalt tailings from Route 24 and it will have to be absorbed by the Highway budget. It may take two years because of funding, but this gravel road will have a hard surface.

Again we are using the same old grader along with our aging vehicles but like the old saying "anybody can work with tools, but a good man can work with none." Our Finance Committee continues to repeat these sayings so I will just pass them on to you.

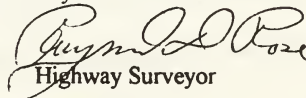
Oh yes we are building another winter sander to add to our snow fighting equipment. This 1970 truck will be needed because of all the new subdivisions added to our routes.

A new school is going to be built next to our Highway Department so an upgrading of our buildings will match our new school, new police and fire station and our new transfer station. With over half of our equipment stored outside, maybe I will just cut some more trees and build a new equipment storage building. Let's see if I have any time after road construction to accomplish this project.

Problems are called in every day but after twenty years as your Highway Surveyor this just becomes routine. Same problems but just different people. The hard physical work in construction is easy compared to explaining how problems will be addressed to our residents.

In closing, next year will definitely be better because this year was the first year that your Highway Surveyor has said the words "can't be done."

Raymond D. Rose



Highway Surveyor

ANNUAL REPORT BERKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

July 1997 - June 1998

I hereby submit the Berkley Public Library's annual report to the Board of Selectmen and to the citizens of the Town of Berkley.

Hours Monday through Thursday - 2PM to 8PM
 Friday and Saturday - 9AM to 3PM
 Closed Sundays and Legal Holidays

Total hours per week - 36

We have expanded our hours, opening at 2:00 instead of 3:00 during the week in order to accomodate school children with research projects. We have also extended Friday and Saturday hours from 1:00 until 3:00 so that busy parents can more easily fit a trip to the library into their schedules. These increases add eight hours each week to the service schedule of the Library.

Holdings	Volumes of Books	13,637
	Compact discs	12
	Audio Cassettes	251
	Video Cassettes	619
	Magazine Subscriptions	19

Circulation Berkley is part of a 24 library network that shares books and materials within Southeastern Massachusetts. We are linked by computer to the other libraries.

Total circulation of materials this year - 16,533 items

During this fiscal year we added a computer terminal devoted to Internet Communication. Our plans call for us to expand this service with additional computer stations in the 1999-2000 budget year.

Number of Registered Patrons is 1471.

Attendance in Library was 5177 patrons.
Attendance at children's programs was 1445.
Attendance at adult programs was 53.

Financial	Town appropriation	\$61,766.68
	State Aid	56,050.16
	Revolving Fund	651.00
	Friends of the Library	750.26

Expenditures	Salaries and benefits	38,283.00
	Books, Videos, magazines	14,257.00
	Maintenance/Repair	3,726.00
	Energy and utilities	3,014.00
	Membership Library Network (ABLE)	5,264.00

Special Events

Egg Hunt co-sponsored by Lions Club
 July Car Show - sponsored by the Friends of the Library
 Summer Reading Program
 Bates & Tincknell Summer Songfest
 Christmas Open House

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Richardson
 Director

TOWN OF BERKLEY

Office of the BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Annual Report

To the Citizens of Berkley:

In making my visits as Building Commissioner during this past year, I have found most construction work to be satisfactory and meeting with the regulations of town bylaws and the minimum standards as set forth by the Massachusetts Building Code Commission. All work found not to be in accordance with minimum standards has since been addressed and builders are currently attempting to make corrections and reparations in accordance with requirements of 780 CMR, The State Building Code.

Records have been maintained and can be considered accurate to the best of my knowledge through December 31, 1998. A monthly report of building permits issued has been filed with the Board of Assessors and the Board of Selectmen.

During the calendar year 1998, the following permits were issued by the Building Commissioner:

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
New Single Family Homes	71	46	37	27	35
New Two-Family Homes	0	0	0	0	0
Residential Additions, Alterations including Decks, Porches, Mobile Home Replacement	114	111	146	103	111
Nonresidential Additions, Alterations	0	1	3	0	2
Garages	10	12	7	11	6
Nonresidential Buildings including Barns, Sheds, Temporary Trailers	69	67	65	32	25
Solid Fuel Appliances, Chimneys, Fireplaces	16	23	12	11	12
Swimming Pools	32	40	36	27	27
Demolitions	8	9	9	6	8
Commercial Buildings/Additions	0	0	0	2	3
Public/Private Schools	0	0	2	0	0
Public Building				1	0
Miscellaneous	5	3	4	5	7
TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	325	312	321	225	236

Interested citizens should note that new housing starts (building permits) are up this year as compared to last year. This appears to be largely due to an increase in supply and rising demand. Interest rates tend to remain low which should cause new demand as more subdivisions are released for development. Based on these considerations and other factors, it is estimated by the building department that new housing starts will likely fall in the range of 35-45 new homes or less during 1999. Finally, please note that additions and other improvements to existing homes continue to run strong and are rising.

It is obvious to everyone that the cost of government must be controlled and reduced at all levels and all sectors. To this end, people using town services are reminded that following simple procedures will go a long way in helping ourselves at the local level. Therefore, when filing permit applications, etc., please use the following guidelines:

1. Allow a minimum of three days' notice when requesting inspections. Experienced contractors and builders usually allow 5-7 days so they will not be delayed in their work.
2. Allow a minimum of two weeks for the processing of all building permit applications. Federal and state agencies are requiring more time consuming review for compliance with regulatory statutes for the protection of the consumer.
3. A set of guidelines referred to as the Berkley Building Booklet and which is intended to streamline the application process for the various permits needed for medium to large construction projects is available to residents of the town and other interested parties at a nominal cost. This version is not intended to be complete, but only to indicate basic requirements and general procedures to follow when applying for and receiving building permits.
4. Regular office hours of the Building Commissioner are held in the Town Office Building on a schedule which is posted with the Town Clerk and the Office of the Selectmen. Telephone inquiries can be made to the Inspection Department (508-824-9286) during the posted public hours which are currently Tues., Weds., and Thurs., 8:00 - 10:30 a.m., and most Wednesday evenings, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
5. Please keep telephone inquiries as short as possible. The public is served on a first-come, first-served basis. Often, callers are unaware that they have interrupted the service of other individuals who have been waiting in line when times are busy.

When following the above guidelines, every effort will be made to provide optimum service in as short a period of time as the number of requests will allow.

Once again, I would like to thank the various boards and individuals for their assistance in carrying out the duties of this office, especially the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Board of Assessors, Conservation Commission, and Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,


Frank Wallace
Building Commissioner

TOWN OF BERKLEY

Office of the ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Annual Report

To the Citizens of Berkley:

During the calendar year 1998, the following electrical permits were issued:

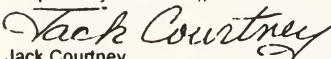
	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
New Homes	72	61	35	30	33
Residential Additions, Alterations, Renovations	35	16	34	26	29
Garages	9	8	3	5	4
Nonresidential Buildings including Barns, Sheds, Temporary Trailers	2	7	6	2	6
Swimming Pools	33	36	33	26	22
Commercial Additions	0	3	3	3	5
Public/Private Schools			1	1	0
Air Conditioning		2	3	1	0
Alarm Systems	7	8	8	11	17
Service Changes	34	16	27	30	24
Temporary Service	23	18	23	16	19
Miscellaneous			1	2	3
TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	215	175	177	153	162

Records have been maintained and can be considered accurate to the best of my knowledge through December 31, 1998. All approved electrical work meets the minimum standards required by the Massachusetts Electrical Code, 527 CMR 12:00.

Electrical permit applications for any electrical work to be done on your property may be obtained in the Inspection Department during the posted office hours which are currently Tues., Weds., and Thurs., 8:00-10:30 a.m., and most Wednesday evenings, 8:00-9:00 p.m. Inspection requests should also be made to the Inspection Department (508-824-9286) during the above mentioned public office hours. Please allow a minimum of 3 days notice when requesting inspections. No inspections should be requested prior to the work having been completed.

Anyone who has had electrical work completed must have the work inspected and approved by the electrical inspector. A Certificate of Compliance (obtained when a building permit is issued) must be signed by the electrical inspector and submitted to the Inspection Department Office. Subsequently, a copy of the approved work should be submitted to your insurance company.

Respectfully submitted,,


 Jack Courtney
 Electrical Inspector



**TOWN OF BERKLEY
VETERAN'S SERVICE**

**TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Barbara L. Albert
Veterans' Agent
SUBJECT: Annual Report
DATE: 05/25/00**

**I hereby submit my annual report for the calendar years 1998 & 1999 ,
1999& 1998 and 1998 & 1997.**

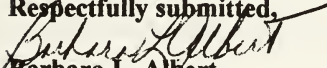
The caseload for the past three years has remained the same.

**The State of Massachusetts has approved 75% reimbursement
in the amount of \$1579.28 for 1998 and \$2112.04 for 1999.**

**Reimbursements are received by the town approximately one year
after benefits have been disbursed. All benefits paid in 1999
are not reimbursed to the Town of Berkley until the following year
on a monthly basis. Reimbursments for 1999 will be on my next Annual
Report.**

**Veterans' and their dependents or any person seeking information
or assistance may reach me at (508) 669-5027 Monday through
Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.**

**Thursdays I am in the office from 10:00 am to 3:00pm for walk-ins
and no appointment is necessary. However you may call for a scheduled
appointment during the hours noted above.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Barbara L. Albert
Veterans' Agent**

BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

140 NORTH WALKER STREET * TAUNTON, MA 02780
Tel: (508) 823-5253 * Fax: (508) 828-1868

COMMISSIONERS
GORDON W. WOLFE, CHAIRMAN
DR. WILLIAM L. GLASS
ARTHUR F. TOBIN
DANIEL B. AMORIM
GREGORY D. DORRANCE

SUPERINTENDENT
ALAN W. DECASTRO

On June 30, 1998 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed thirty-nine years of service to the cities and towns of Bristol County.

The mosquito control project works year-round in its efforts to reduce mosquito breeding sites and adult mosquito populations. The Project uses several different measures of control in its never-ending fight against mosquitos.

Winter Pre-hatch - To treat breeding areas that are accessible only on the ice during the winter months.

Spring and Summer Larviciding - To reduce the emergence of adult mosquitos in areas where mosquito larvae is present.

Catch Basin Treatment - To stop mosquito emergence from rain-filled catch basins and storm drains.

Light Trapping Program - To monitor mosquito populations as to their type and number - a program necessary in encephalitis surveillance. Light trapping of mosquitos is also useful to determine what areas have high mosquito populations and should be sprayed.

Water Management - A year round endeavor to clean and construct mosquito drainage ditches in lowland swamps to reduce their favorability as breeding sites for mosquito larvae.

It is the policy of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project to use pesticides that are environmentally safe so that the safety of the people and environment are not jeopardized. We use as many of the biological insecticides as are practical with the environmental conditions present in the New England area. We are presently using three different formulations of B.T.I. in our larviciding program.

All of our spray equipment is calibrated periodically in order to insure that dosage rates remain at safe levels but are adequate to reduce mosquito populations. The operators of our spray equipment are state certified pesticide applicators that are required to attend classes on pesticide safety on a yearly basis.

The 1998 mosquito season started about the same time as past years with larvae appearing in most wetland areas during the month of March.

Adult mosquitos began to appear in many areas of the county in the latter part of April, however, our fogging program did not start until the third week of May as temperatures before this time were too cold for early morning fogging.

Mosquito populations varied throughout the county. Many areas that had extremely large populations of adult mosquitos in past years did not seem as bad this year and areas that are usually quiet turned into a problem. We are not certain what caused this situation to occur.


The calls for service this year were the highest yet, probably due to the storm that dumped 14 inches of rain in most of the county. Certain types of mosquitos were extremely high and others were very low. Melanura mosquitos, which play an important part in the EE cycle, were very high. There were a number of EE virus isolations in this non-human biting mosquito this year but no human cases were reported. However, the virus effected two flocks of emus in eastern Massachusetts. A total of 30 emus died, 19 in Essex, MA and 11 in Norton, MA. The emus that were tested at the State Virus Lab tested positive for EE.

The Project sprayed all known mosquito-infested areas and answered all requests for spraying, for a total of 4,435.9 sprayed acres.

During the spring and summer months 8.38 acres of breeding wetlands were larvicided.

I would like to thank the town officials and the people of Berkley for their continued support and cooperation and look forward to serving them in the coming year. Should anyone have a question as to what might be done to relieve a mosquito problem in their area, whether it is water management work, treatment of a breeding site, or just having an area checked, please feel free to call our office.

Respectfully submitted,



Alan W. DeCastro
Superintendent

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SRPEDD)

The Town of Berkley is a member of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District. SRPEDD (pronounced sir-ped) is the regional agency serving twenty-seven cities and towns in southeastern Massachusetts dealing with common issues facing our region, such as economic development, growth and land development, transportation, environment and general planning for the future. SRPEDD is governed by a Commission of local mayors, selectmen, planning board members and at large members. We are funded by federal and state grants and local assessments. For 1998, the Town of Berkley paid \$635.55 to SRPEDD, based upon an assessment of 15 cents per capita.

During the past year, the Town of Berkley was represented on the SRPEDD Commission by Dr. Karl Eklund and John Uronis. Berkley had no representation on the the Joint Transportation Planning Group. Karl Eklund also served on the Executive Committee and as Chairman of the Commission. Dr. Eklund also represented Berkley on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Some of SRPEDD's more significant accomplishments during 1998 were:

- Initiation of the *Southeastern Mass: Vision 2020* project in conjunction with the Old Colony Planning Council and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. This project examined sprawl and growth issues in a 51 city and town region and was guided by a Task Force of regional leaders from throughout southeastern Massachusetts. The Task Force sponsored a major regional growth conference in October and issued a final report early in 1999.
- Completion and certification of the annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which set regional priorities for federal transportation funds. The TIP sets priorities for \$92 million in federal and state dollars for regional transportation projects over the next 3 years.
- Building Partnerships for Economic Development in Southeastern Massachusetts, a regional economic development strategy, was completed and certified by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, making the region eligible for federal economic development grants from EDA.
- The 100 Most Dangerous Intersections in Southeastern Massachusetts was compiled by SRPEDD utilizing accident information for the 1994-96 three year period. The list will be updated this year to cover the period 1996-98. All 100 intersections are evaluated and ranked according to level of danger, and the report is used to identify needed safety improvements at these intersections.
- SRPEDD continued work to develop commuter rail service to Taunton, Fall River and New Bedford, and SRPEDD is continuing to monitor MBTA studies of alternative routes.
- Southeastern Massachusetts is represented on the Internet by SRPEDD's web site. The site contains data and information about every city and town in the region, and can be reached at <http://www.srpedd.org>.
- An inventory of sensitive environmental areas impacted by roadway runoff is being prepared by SRPEDD in the Buzzards Bay region as part of its Geographic Roadway Runoff Inventory Program (GRRIP), funded by the Massachusetts Highway Department.
- SRPEDD approved \$1,437,000 in grants from our regional transportation allocation for six "enhancement" projects. Included were: Fall River Bike Path Phase I, construction; Wareham Bike Path Phase I, construction; Mattapoisett Bike Path, planning and design; Fairhaven Bike Path, planning and design; Seekonk Stormwater Mitigation, installation of new stormwater drains; and Buzzards Bay Stormwater Runoff Project, inventory and ranking.

- SRPEDD conducts a district-wide traffic counting program and maintains a computer file of all available traffic count data throughout the region. SRPEDD undertook counts at 80 locations this year. SRPEDD also compiled computerized accident records for Acushnet, Fairhaven, Norton, Rehoboth, Rochester, Seekonk, Taunton and Freetown.
- SRPEDD completed studies of four highway interchanges (Rte. 140 @ Rte. 24 in Taunton; I-95 @ Toner Boulevard on the Attleboro/No. Attleborough line; Rte. 140 @ I-495 in Mansfield; Rte. 6 @ I-195 in Swansea) to address safety, congestion and inadequate design issues.
- An extensive Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping program is maintained by SRPEDD. This year, new computerized "data layers" were added to the system, including local zoning and environmental data.
- SRPEDD has worked on the welfare to work issue with state agencies, regional Chambers of Commerce, Employment Boards and Human Service Coalitions in efforts to make needed transportation connections between welfare recipients and job locations. SRPEDD worked with the two regional transit authorities, GATRA and SRTA, to complete state and federal grant applications for funding to address some of the transportation needs of welfare recipients.
- SRPEDD continued to provide planning and technical support to the two regional transit authorities, GATRA and SRTA, on route evaluations, marketing and data analysis. SRPEDD staff also provides support to each of the transit authorities' consumer advisory committees.
- SRPEDD continued its affiliation with the South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation, which makes loans to small businesses for expansion. In 1998 SEED approved loans to 127 small businesses in the amount of \$19 million. These loans are projected to create 600 new jobs. SEED also became the #1 Small Business Administration lender of SBA 504 loans in Massachusetts.
- SRPEDD operates the Southeastern Massachusetts Data Center, providing information to businesses, cities and towns, and individuals.

In addition, municipal assistance was provided to Berkley in the following area:

- SRPEDD provided technical assistance by drafting an Open Space Plan for the town.

SRPEDD was created to serve the cities and towns of southeastern Massachusetts. We are governed by elected and appointed officials from all the cities and towns. We look forward to serving you in the future.



NANCY L. TOWNLEY
7 NORTH MAIN STREET
BERKLEY, MA 02780

REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR ASSISTANT TREASURER

Town of Berkley
Collector of Taxes

July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998

1. Charges to Collector

Balances as of July 1, 1997

Personal Property	1997	2,557.96	
	1996	500.70	
	1995	324.81	
	1994	55.12	
	1993	54.38	
	1992	53.75	
	1991	18.81	
	1989	17.42	
		<u>3,582.95</u>	
Real Estate	1998	-133.90	
	1997	172,797.55	
	1996	5,719.13	
	1995	39.76	
	1991	<u>376.20</u>	
Motor Vehicle & Trailer		178,798.74	
Excise	1997	27,035.81	
	1996	6,483.90	
	1995	2,020.69	
	1994	1,107.93	
	1993	852.10	
	1992	3,138.13	
	1991	2,610.01	
	1990	2,151.98	
	1989	1,466.05	
	1988	1,157.34	
	1986	<u>214.99</u>	
		48,982.68	
Boat Excise	1997	216.00	
	1996	284.00	
	1994	153.00	
	1993	311.00	
	1992	279.00	
	1991	<u>216.00</u>	
		1,459.00	
Total Outstanding, July 1, 1997			<u>232,823.37</u>
Committments in Fiscal 1998:			
Personal Property	1998	52,386.28	
Real Estate	1998	3,253,145.09	
Roll Back		5,965.77	
Motor Vehicle & Trailer			
Excise	1998	355,858.01	
	1997	54,920.41	
	1996	2,266.57	
Title V	1998	3,607.26	
Boat Excise	1998	2,421.00	
Total Committments in Fiscal 1998			<u>3,730,570.39</u>

Refunds in Fiscal 1998

Personal Property	1998	47.62	
	1997	67.13	
	1996	40.14	
		<u>154.89</u>	
Real Estate	1998	38,137.80	
	1997	938.24	
		<u>39,076.04</u>	
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	1998	4,727.25	
	1997	4,298.18	
	1996	22.50	
	1995	140.51	
		<u>9,188.44</u>	
Total Refunds			<u>48,419.37</u>

TOTAL CHARGES TO COLLECTOR

\$4,011,813.13

2. Collections

Personal Property	1999	5.57	
	1998	49,235.97	
	1997	1,890.73	
	1996	259.24	
	1995	180.46	
		<u>51,571.97</u>	
Real Estate	1999	6,712.40	
	1998	3,081,415.56	
	1997	145,471.89	
	1996	5,614.78	
	1995	39.76	
		<u>3,239,254.39</u>	
Roll Back		5,965.77	
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	1998	335,453.00	
	1997	72,834.54	
	1996	6,398.16	
	1995	617.79	
	1994	186.36	
	1993	24.17	
	1989	16.67	
		<u>415,530.69</u>	
Boat Excise	1998	2,024.00	
Title V	1998	<u>3,607.26</u>	
Total Collections in Fiscal 1998			<u>3,717,954.08</u>

Abatements

Personal Property	1998	116.01	
	1997	11.86	
	1996	161.77	
		<u>289.64</u>	
Real Estate	1998	44,353.16	
	1997	496.10	
		<u>44,849.26</u>	
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	1998	9,487.38	
	1997	6,108.78	
	1996	304.90	
	1995	213.96	
		<u>16,115.02</u>	
Boat Excise	1998	186.00	
Total Abatements			<u>61,439.92</u>

Tax Taking	1997	15,738.32	
Subsequent	1997	9,782.90	
Subsequent	1998	<u>43,044.13</u>	
Total Taxes in Tax Title -Fiscal 1998			68,565.35

Balances, June 30, 1998:

Personal Property	1999	-5.57
	1998	3,081.92
	1997	722.50
	1996	119.83
	1995	144.35
	1994	55.12
	1993	54.38
	1992	53.75
	1991	18.81
	1989	<u>17.42</u>
		4,262.51

Real Estate	1999	-6,712.40
	1998	122,336.14
	1997	2,246.58
	1996	104.35
	1991	<u>376.20</u>
		118,350.87

Motor Vehicle & Trailer		
Excise	1998	15,644.88
	1997	7,311.08
	1996	2,069.91
	1995	1,329.45
	1994	921.57
	1993	827.93
	1992	3,138.13
	1991	2,610.01
	1990	2,151.98
	1989	1,449.38
	1988	1,157.34
	1987	743.75
	1986	<u>214.99</u>
		39,570.40

Boat Excise	1998	211.00
	1997	216.00
	1996	284.00
	1994	153.00
	1993	311.00
	1992	279.00
	1991	<u>216.00</u>
		1,670.00

Total Outstanding June 30, 1998	163,853.78
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TOTAL CREDITS & BALANCES June 30, 1998	\$ 4,011,813.13
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Interest & Fees Collected:

Petty Cash	50.00
Interest	23,789.22
Fees & Advertising	6,085.00
Registry Fees	3,940.00
Municipal Liens	9,550.00
Bad Check Fees	<u>50.00</u>

Total Fees & Interest	43,464.22
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Respectfully submitted
Nancy L. Townley
 Nancy L. Townley
 Town Collector
 Assistant Collector

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT
Fiscal Year 1998
July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998

Cash on Hand July 1, 1997

General Cash	1,655,843.91	
Cash Receipts	13,058,387.31	
Total		14,714,231.22

Cash Payments 1997	12,657,158.87	
Cash Balance June 30, 1998	2,057,072.35	
Total		14,714,231.22

Recap: June 30, 1998

General Cash		
BankBoston	412,506.77	
Capital Projects	217,003.84	
Fleet	644.31	
Citizens	522,608.59	
Boston Safe	5,738.25	
Rockland	51,458.31	
BristolCounty Savings	543,188.63	
		1,753,148.70

Invested Cash		
MMDT		76,791.77

Total Invested & General Cash		1,829,940.47
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**TRUSTS & INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS
IN CUSTODY OF TREASURER**

Interest Added in Fiscal 1998

Cemetery Perpetual Care	1,472.70	
Ambulance Fund	636.79	
Giles Leach Fund	36.98	
Florence Macomber Library	62.99	
Pension Liability	2,221.46	
Stabiilzation Fund	6,109.34	
Total		10,540.26

Balances as of June 30, 1998

Cemetery Perpetual Care	36,635.29	
Giles Leach Fund	813.61	
Florence Macomber Library	1,385.15	
Pension Liability	48,859.10	
Stabilization Fund	135,790.62	
Ambulance Fund	3,648.11	
Total		227,131.88

TOTAL JUNE 30, 1998		2,057,072.35
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SECURITIES HELD IN TRUST BY TREASURER

Balance July 1, 1997	115,930.00	
Added in Fiscal 1998	28,500.00	
Returned in Fiscal 1998	(61,500.00)	
Balance held in Trust per Planning Brd		82,930.00

SCHOOL BOND ISSUE

Debt Account		
Balance July 1, 1997	3,700,000.00	
Principal Payment	400,000.00	
Balance July 1, 1998	3,300,000.00	
Interest Payment in Fiscal 1998	259,000.00	

Carolyn Awalt, Town Treasurer

**TOWN OF BERKLEY, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
JUNE 30, 1998**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES	ACCOUNT GROUP		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
<u>ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</u>	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	TRUST & AGENCY	LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS	JUNE 30 1998	
CASH	\$987,081	\$374,957	\$200,168	-	-	\$1,823,147
INVESTMENTS						
INVESTMENT IN DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN	76,792	-	186,848	-	-	\$263,640
PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE						
CURRENT YEAR	127,770	-	-	-	-	127,770
PRIOR YEAR	6,291	-	-	-	-	6,291
OTHER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE						
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	39,992	-	-	-	-	39,992
OTHER EXCISE	1,580	-	-	-	-	1,580
TAX LIENS	235,407	-	-	-	-	235,407
WATER	16	-	-	-	-	16
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	-	11,469	-	-	-	11,469
DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS	3,310	-	-	-	-	3,310
OTHER ASSETS	9,490	-	-	-	-	9,490
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR RETIREMENT OF LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS:						
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,487,729	\$386,326	\$491,947	\$3,300,000	-	\$5,927,043

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES	ACCOUNT GROUP	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS			
<u>LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS</u>						
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$668,709	\$42,021	\$8,519	-	-	\$719,249
PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS	97,859	-	-	-	-	97,859
OTHER LIABILITIES	12,374	-	-	86,974	-	99,348
DEFERRED COMPENSATION PAYABLE	-	-	-	104,931	-	104,931
DUE TO OTHER FUNDS	-	-	-	3,310	-	3,310
DEFERRED REVENUE	371,419	-	-	-	-	371,419
RESERVE FOR ABATEMENTS	39,128	-	-	-	-	39,128
BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE	-	40,000	2,492,000	-	3,300,000	5,832,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,189,489	82,021	2,500,519	195,215	3,300,000	7,267,244
FUND EQUITY:						
FUND BALANCES:						
RESERVED:						
ENCUMBRANCES	193,898	-	-	-	-	193,898
ENDOWMENTS	-	-	-	17,185	-	17,185
UNRESERVED:						
DESIGNATED (NOTE 10)	96,820	304,305	(2,239,478)	279,547	-	(1,558,806)
UNDESIGNATED (NOTE 9)	7,522	-	-	-	-	7,522
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	298,240	304,305	(2,239,478)	296,732	-	(1,340,201)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$1,487,729	\$386,326	\$261,041	\$491,947	\$3,300,000	\$5,927,043

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TOWN OF BERKLEY, MASSACHUSETTS
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES EXPENDABLE TRUST	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS		
REVENUES					
REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 3,250,016	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ 3,250,016
INTERGOVERNMENTAL - STATE	3,760,717	380,655	-	-	4,141,372
INTERGOVERNMENTAL - FEDERAL	-	129,773	-	-	129,773
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	402,347	-	-	-	402,347
INVESTMENT INCOME	65,658	193	-	9,821	75,672
DEPARTMENTAL	145,179	523,085	-	-	668,264
TOTAL REVENUES	7,623,917	1,033,706	-	9,821	8,667,444
EXPENDITURES:					
CURRENT:					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	804,468	12,843	-	-	817,311
PUBLIC SAFETY	585,261	76,244	974,433	-	1,635,938
EDUCATION	4,730,138	448,829	238,960	-	5,417,927
PUBLIC WORKS	475,467	263,453	237,846	-	976,766
HUMAN SERVICES	17,716	54,020	-	-	71,736
CULTURE & RECREATION	65,952	5,830	-	-	71,782
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	116,556	-	-	-	116,556
DEBT SERVICE	726,731	-	-	-	726,731
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,522,289	861,219	1,451,239	-	9,834,747
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	101,628	172,487	(1,451,239)	9,821	(1,167,303)

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES EXPENDABLE TRUST	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
BOND PROCEEDS			19,000		19,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	244,980	920	37,000	42,704	325,604
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	(64,905)	(249,980)	-	(10,000)	(324,885)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	180,075	(249,060)	56,000	32,704	19,719
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	281,703	(76,573)	(1,395,239)	42,525	(1,147,584)
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	16,537	360,878	(844,238)	237,022	(209,801)
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$298,240	\$304,305	<u>(\$2,239,477)</u>	<u>\$279,547</u>	<u>(\$1,357,385)</u>

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TOWN OF BERKLEY, MASSACHUSETTS
 GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AVAILABLE FUNDS, TRANSFERS,
 AND PRIOR YEARS' DEFICITS RAISED - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP)
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES:				
PROPERTY TAXES	\$3,254,177	\$3,254,177	\$3,251,023	(\$3,154)
INTERGOVERNMENTAL - STATE	3,725,272	3,725,272	3,760,717	35,445
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	350,000	350,000	402,347	52,347
INVESTMENT INCOME	45,500	45,500	65,658	20,158
DEPARTMENTAL	164,263	164,263	145,179	(19,084)
TOTAL REVENUES	7,539,212	7,539,212	7,624,924	85,712
EXPENDITURES:				
CURRENT:				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	885,970	860,566	797,024	63,542
PUBLIC SAFETY	570,120	587,347	584,063	3,284
EDUCATION	4,956,000	4,956,110	4,880,923	75,187
PUBLIC WORKS	490,753	491,841	490,635	1,206
HUMAN SERVICES	25,800	20,945	17,487	3,458
CULTURE & RECREATION	63,499	64,543	65,796	(1,253)
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	69,395	69,395	116,556	(47,161)
DEBT & INTEREST	726,950	726,950	726,731	219
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,788,487	7,777,697	7,679,215	98,482

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(249,275)	(238,485)	(54,291)	184,194
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	319,980	319,980	244,980	(75,000)
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	(28,985)	(28,985)	(64,905)	(35,920)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	290,995	290,995	180,075	(110,920)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	\$41,720	\$52,510	\$125,784	\$73,274
OTHER BUDGET ITEMS:				
TRANSFER FROM FUND BALANCE	\$9	(\$10,781)		
PRIOR YEARS' DEFICITS RAISED	(41,729)	(41,729)		
TOTAL OTHER BUDGET ITEMS	(\$41,720)	(\$52,510)		

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TOWN OF BERKLEY, MASSACHUSETTS
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
 NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

	FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE NON- EXPENDABLE TRUST
OPERATING REVENUES:	
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$719
BEQUESTS	-
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	719
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
TOTAL EXPENSES	-
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	-
OPERATING INCOME	719
NONOPERATING REVENUES:	
INVESTMENT INCOME	-
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):	
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	-
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	(719)
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES	(719)
NET INCOME	-
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	17,185
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$17,185</u>

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TOWN OF BERKLEY, MASSACHUSETTS
 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
 NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES NON- EXPENDABLE TRUST
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
BEQUESTS	\$	-
INVESTMENT INCOME		719
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		719
 CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
OPERATING TRANSFERS - TO OTHER FUNDS		(719)
		(719)
 NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		-
 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		\$17,185
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR		\$17,185

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TOWN OF BERKLEY, MASSACHUSETTS
 GENERAL FUND
 SCHEDULE OF TAXES RECEIVABLE
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

	BALANCE 7/1/97	COMMITMENTS	ABATEMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS	TRANSFERS TO TAX LIENS	NET COLLECTIONS	BALANCE 6/30/98
REAL ESTATE TAX						
1995 & PRIOR	\$2,028	-	\$ -	-	\$104	\$1,924
1996	5,234	-	-	-	5,023	211
1997	173,338	-	1,009	25,521	143,534	3,274
1998	-	3,253,145	44,273	43,044	3,040,740	125,088
	180,600	3,253,145	45,282	68,565	3,189,401	130,497
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX						
1995 & PRIOR	524	-	\$ -	-	77	447
1996	501	-	162	-	300	39
1997	2,090	-	-	-	1,695	395
1998	-	52,386	116	-	49,588	2,682
	3,115	52,386	278	-	51,660	3,563
	\$183,715	\$3,305,531	\$45,560	\$68,565	\$3,241,061	\$134,060
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX						
1994 & PRIOR	\$13,297	-	\$ -	-	\$247	\$13,050
1995	2,161	-	-	-	477	1,684
1996	6,364	2,267	164	-	6,376	2,091
1997	27,174	50,978	6,109	-	65,913	6,130
1998	-	355,858	9,487	-	329,334	17,037
	\$48,996	\$409,103	\$15,760	\$ -	\$402,347	\$39,992

TOWN OF BERKLEY, MASSACHUSETTS
 NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 JUNE 30, 1998

Long - Term Obligations

The following is a summary of changes in long-term obligations for the year ended June 30, 1998:

Description	Date of Issue	Date of Maturity	Interest Rates	Original Principal Amount	Amount Outstanding June 30, 1997	Additions	Retirements	Amount Outstanding June 30, 1998
Bonds payable								
Sewer Engineering	06/15/88	06/15/07	7.00 %	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 2,525,000	\$ -	\$ 275,000	\$ 2,250,000
Sewer Construction	06/15/88	06/15/07	7.00 %	\$ 2,300,000	1,175,000	-	125,000	1,050,000
Total Bonds					<u>\$ 3,700,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 400,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,300,000</u>

(a) General Obligations Bonds

The annual requirements to amortize all outstanding bonds, including interest, as of June 30, 1998 is as follows:

Year ended June 30:	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
1999	\$ 400,000	\$ 231,100	\$ 631,100
2000	375,000	203,100	578,100
2001	375,000	176,850	551,850
2002	375,000	150,600	525,600
2003	375,000	124,350	499,350
Thereafter	<u>1,400,000</u>	<u>240,150</u>	<u>1,640,150</u>
	<u>\$ 3,300,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,126,150</u>	<u>\$ 4,426,150</u>

The Town also has \$ 2,492,000 in bond anticipation notes outstanding in the Capital Projects Fund and \$ 40,000 in grant anticipation notes outstanding in the Special Revenue Fund as of June 30, 1998. During the next two years the Town will either retire the notes from available funds or convert the notes to long-term bonds or notes.

TOWN OF BERKLEY, MASSACHUSETTS
 NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 JUNE 30, 1998

Long-Term Obligations, continued

The Town is subject to a dual-level, general debt limit: the normal debt limit and the double debt limit. Such limits are equal to 5% and 10%, respectively, of the valuation of taxable property in the Town as last equalized by the Commonwealth's Department of Revenue. Debt may be authorized up to the normal debt limit without state approval. Authorizations under the double debt limit, however require the approval of the Commonwealth's Emergency Finance Board. Additionally, there are many categories of general obligation debt which are exempt from the debt limit but are subject to other limitations.

Legal Debt Margin

The following is a computation of the legal debt margins as of June 30, 1998:

Real Estate and Personal Property		\$ 289,696,600
Debt limit – 5.0% of equalized valuation		14,484,830
Long-term bonds & notes outstanding	\$ 3,300,000	
Loans authorized & unissued	15,086,500	
Less: Authorized & unissued – outside 5% debt limit	(11,515,000)	
Less: Debt issued – outside 5% debt limit	<u>(3,300,000)</u>	<u>3,571,500</u>
Legal debt margin – inside debt limit		<u>\$ 10,913,330</u>
Equalized valuation (January 1, 1998)		\$ 289,696,600
Debt limit – 10.0% of equalized valuation		28,969,660
Long-term bonds & notes outstanding	\$ 3,300,000	
Loans authorized & unissued	<u>15,086,500</u>	<u>18,386,500</u>
Legal Debt Margin – all debt		<u>\$ 10,583,160</u>

TOWN OF BERKLEY, MASSACHUSETTS
 NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 JUNE 30, 1998

Long-Term Obligations, continued

Overlapping Debt

(a) The Town pays assessments under formulas, which include debt service payments to other governmental agencies providing services to the Town, (commonly referred to as overlapping debt). The following summary sets forth the long-term debt of such governmental agencies and the estimated share being financed by the Town as of June 30, 1998:

Agency	Total Long-Term Debt Outstanding	Town's Estimated Share	Town's Indirect Debt
Bristol County	\$ 1,925,000	1.17%	\$ 22,523
Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical School District	555,000	9.05%	50,228
	<u>\$ 2,480,000</u>		<u>\$ 72,751</u>

Loans Authorized & Unissued

As of June 30, 1998, the Town has loans authorized but unissued as follows:

Description	Date Authorized	Unissued at June 30, 1998
School Edition	Art. 6 01/01/96	\$ 2,001,500
Public Safety Building	Art. 7 10/21/96	1,100,000
Land - School & Other		
Public Facilities	Art. 4 01/01/96	390,000
Library Planning & Design	Art. 10 01/23/95	20,000
School Planning & Design	Art. 12 01/23/95	60,000
Well Repairs	Art. 8 03/30/95	65,000
Transfer Station	Art. 31 05/02/94	250,000
School Construction	Art. 6 10/21/96	11,000,000
MWPAT - Title V	Art. 14 12/11/97	200,000
	Total	<u>\$ 15,086,500</u>

TOWN OF BERKLEY, MASSACHUSETTS
 NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 JUNE 30, 1998

Undesignated Fund Balance - General Fund

In order to prepare the accompanying financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, certain budgetary surpluses and deficits, which would otherwise be reflected on the balance sheet under the Massachusetts Statutory System, have been included in undesignated fund balances as follows:

Undesignated	\$ 194,401
Reserved for Teachers Pay Deferral	(162,987)
Reserved for Appropriation Deficits	(22,407)
Reserved for State Assessments, net	(1,485)
	\$ 7,522

Note 10. Designated Fund Balance - General Fund

The composition of designated fund balance is as follows:

Reserved for Expenditures	\$ 96,820
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Note 11. Appropriation Deficits

Excess of actual expenditures over budget for the General Fund:

Account	Amount
FY 98 Deficits	\$ 22,407

Note 12. Deficit Fund Balances

The Capital Projects Fund has individual capital project fund balance deficits totaling \$2,240,478. These individual project deficits will be eliminated by subsequent fiscal year budget transfers or through the issuance of general obligation bonds authorized for these projects. See related note on loans authorized and unissued (Note 8). The overall Capital Projects Fund balance is a deficit of \$2,239,478.

TOWN OF BERKLEY, MASSACHUSETTS
NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 1998

Deferred Compensation Plan

The Town offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Service Code Section 457. The plan, available to all government employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Participation in the plan is optional. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency. All amounts of compensation deferred under the plan, all property and rights purchased with those amounts, and all income attributable to those amounts, property or rights are (until paid or made available to the employee or other beneficiary) solely the property and rights of the Town subject only to the claims of the Town's general creditors. Participants' rights under the plan are equal to those of the general creditor of the Town in an amount equal to the fair market value of the deferred account for each participant.

It is the opinion of the Town's management that the Town has no liability for losses under the plan but does have the duty of due care that would be required of an ordinary prudent investor.

Fiscal Year 1999 Budget

The Town has authorized a fiscal 1999 operating and capital budget totaling \$8,809,412, which will be financed from the following sources:

Real & Personal Property Taxes	\$ 3,486,929
State Distributions	4,535,963
Local Revenue	613,300
General Fund	114,970
Special Revenue	85,500
Prior years deficits raised	(27,250)
	<u>\$ 8,809,412</u>

In addition, the Town has carried forward appropriations and encumbrances in the general fund totaling \$193,898 from 1998 and prior years for projects authorized by Town Meeting but not yet completed.

Year 2000 Issue

The year 2000 issue is the result of shortcomings in many electronic data processing systems and other equipment that may adversely affect the Town's operations as early as fiscal year 1999.

The Town has identified its financial reporting, tax collection, payroll, and assessment software as year 2000 compliant according to its software providers, and is in the process of obtaining written certifications. The Town is also in the process of performing test of the related PC systems, which operate that software.

Because of the unprecedented nature of the year 2000 issue, its effects and the success of related remediation efforts will not be fully determinable until the year 2000 and thereafter. Town officials cannot assure that the Town of Berkley is or will be year 2000 ready, that the Town's remediation efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with whom the Town does business will be year 2000 ready.

TOWN OF BERKLEY, MASSACHUSETTS
 NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 JUNE 30, 1998

Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to general liability, property and casualty, workers' compensation, unemployment and employee health and life insurance claims.

Buildings are fully insured against fire, theft and natural disaster to the extent that losses exceed \$1,000 per incident.

The Town purchases workers' compensation which has a limit of \$500,000 per injury.

The Town has three contributory health care options for its employees. There are 93 active and retired employees who participate in the Town's health care programs. The Town contributes between 60% and 79% of the premium costs depending on the health plan coverage selected.

The Town is insured for general liability, however, Chapter 258 of the Massachusetts General Laws limits the Town's liability to a maximum of \$100,000 per claim in all matters except in actions relating to federal civil rights, eminent domain and breach of contract. Such claims are charged to the general fund. There were no such claims in 1998.

There are several pending lawsuits in which the Town is involved. The Town and its legal counsel estimate the potential claims against the Town, not covered by the insurance resulting from litigation, would not materially affect the financial statements of the Town.

. Operating Transfers

Operating transfers constitute transfers of resources from the fund that receives the resources to the fund that utilizes them. Operating transfers during the year were as follows:

Purpose of operating transfer:	Transfers In (Out), Net			
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trusts
Receipts Reserved	\$ 182,762	\$ (182,762)	\$ -	\$ -
Departmental Review Fees	52,218	(52,218)	-	-
Wetland Protection Review Fees	(920)	920	-	-
Recycling Transfer Station	(35,000)	-	35,000	-
Public Safety Building	(2,000)	-	2,000	-
Stabilization Building	10,000	-	-	(10,000)
Stabilization Fund	(26,985)	-	-	26,985
Ambulance Fees	-	(15,000)	-	15,000
Non-expendable Trust Funds	-	-	-	719
	<u>\$ 180,075</u>	<u>\$ (249,060)</u>	<u>\$ 37,000</u>	<u>\$ 32,704</u>

BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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I am pleased to submit to the Town of Berkley an overview of some of the major developments and initiatives accomplished this past year at Bristol-Plymouth.

In October we opened our newest technical program, Computer Information Technology. This program provides students with experience in using state-of-the-art Computer Technology with an emphasis on the application of technical skills in a variety of occupational areas.

In order to further accommodate student needs in the area of computer technology, two additional classrooms were outfitted as computer labs. These areas will enable students to utilize computer technology as a tool in the development of language arts and communication skills.

Our outside construction program had a busy year. Students completed construction on a storage facility for the Park and Recreation Commission in Bridgewater as well as constructing the Holiday scene on the Taunton Green. The program participants were also busy building two projects in Middleborough; a storage building for the Council On Aging and an open-air nature center for Camp Yomechas.

The school's summer exploratory program for students in grades seven and eight was expanded to include sessions in the areas of Culinary Arts, Pastry Arts, Electronics, Graphic Arts, Carpentry, Machine Shop, and Babysitting Preparation and Infant/Child CPR.

As of September, Bristol-Plymouth is accommodating the largest student enrollment in the history of the school with 877 students. Applications for enrollment continue to increase.

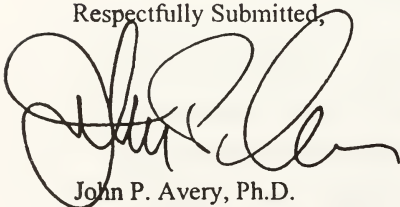
The 123 members of the class of 1998 attained a 95% graduate placement record. The Practical Nursing class of 33 students successfully passed the National Council of Nurses Licensing Examination.

The continuing education program continues to grow in popularity with area residents. The enrollments for the fall/winter sessions were the largest to date with the addition of new courses in computers and culinary arts.

In November, twenty-one educators from throughout New England spent three days at BP conducting a review of the school. I am proud to report that the New England Association of Schools and Colleges has announced that the school has received reaccreditation which continues until 2008.

The Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School District appreciates the strong support from its member municipalities and we once again look forward to another productive year.

Respectfully Submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John P. Avery'.

John P. Avery, Ph.D.

Superintendent-Director

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
of the TOWN OF BERKLEY

For the Year Ending December 31, 1998

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1998 – 99

As Approved by the School Committee

BERKLEY

BERKLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

School Opens September 2, 1998

Closes December 18, 1998

73 Days

School Opens January 4, 1999

Closes February 12, 1999

29 Days

School Opens February 22, 1999

Closes April 16, 1999

39 Days

School Opens April 26, 1998

Closes June, 1999

39 Days

Total

180 Days

SCHOOL WILL CLOSE ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

September 7, 1998--Labor Day

October 12, 1998--Columbus Day

November 11, 1998--Veteran's Day

November 26 & 27, 1998--Thanksgiving Recess

January 18, 1999--Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

April 2, 1999--Staff Development Day

May 31, 1999--Memorial Day

ENROLLMENT

October 1, 1998	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Ungr.		Total
														Coll.	Total	
Grades Community School	83	112	103	74	96	89	90	87	87							821
High School Somerset										47	44	54	38			183
Collaboratives														9		9
Life Skills														4		4
Preschool														14		14
TOTAL																1031

HOUSED AT BERKLEY COMMUNITY

K - 8	821
Integrated Pre-Kindergarten	61
Berkley Total	<u>882</u>
Other	21
Total	903

BERKLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS GENERAL INFORMATION

Kindergarten Registration

1. To enter Kindergarten, a child must be five years of age on or before August 31 of the year of entry.
2. A Birth Certificate must be presented at registration.
3. A doctor's certificate of immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, measles, poliomyelitis, and lead test, unless exempted for medical and/or religious reasons, must be presented at registration.
4. A recent physical examination recorded on the Massachusetts Health Form by the child's doctor must be completed.
5. Following the registration, screening appointments will be arranged in the areas of hearing and vision, development, and speech and language.

Health Policies

1. In case of illness, a doctor's certificate is necessary only for communicable diseases or if specifically requested by the school.
2. No student will be allowed to bring medications to school unless the school nurse has a doctor's order specifically stating the name of the medication, dosage, time to be given, the student's diagnosis, and the necessity of taking the medication during school hours. The doctor's order should be accompanied by a signed and dated note from the parent requesting the administration of the medication. A final check with the physician may be made by the school nurse. Parents are requested to drop off medications rather than sending them in with students.
3. Transportation of a sick child is the responsibility of the parent. Only in an emergency will the school provide transportation.
4. Vision and hearing screening tests are conducted annually.
5. Physical examinations are given yearly in grades four and eight.

Berkley Board of Health Lice and Nit Policy

If lice or nits are found in a student's head, the student will be sent home and must be picked up by a parent or guardian within a reasonable period of time. The parent or guardian at their home will do all treatment for the removal of lice and nits.

The student cannot return to school until the morning after he or she has been treated with a medicated shampoo, and all nits have been removed. The student must also be accompanied back to school by a parent or guardian and will not be allowed to ride the school bus until the school nurse has checked the student.

If a student has already been sent home for having lice and nits **three (3)** times in a school year, the fourth (4th) incident will require a doctor's certificate to return to school. Failure to comply with these rules and regulations may result in court action.

School Notes

When a student is absent from school, he/she is expected to bring a written excuse from his/her parents explaining the absence. A request for dismissal before the end of the school day should be made in person or in writing by the parent.

Superintendent's and Principal's Offices

Superintendent's and Principal's offices are located at the Berkley Community School.

Telephones: Superintendent's Office	822-5220
Principal's Office	822-9550
Student Services' Office	822-5251

Office Hours 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

School Hours

Morning Kindergarten & Preschool	9:05 A.M. to 11:35 A.M.
Afternoon Kindergarten & Preschool	12:40 P.M. to 3:10 P.M.
Grades 1-5	9:05 A.M. to 3:10 P.M.
Grades 6-8	8:20 A.M. to 2:25 P.M.

Students who are not transported to school by bus should arrive at school by the following times:

Grades K-5	9:05 A.M.
Grades 6-8	8:20 A.M.
Afternoon Kindergarten	12:40 P.M.

Any student who arrives before these times must come directly into the school.

No School/Late Start – Students Not in School Yet

In the event of a weather-related/emergency situation **NO SCHOOL/LATE START DAY**, the decision will be broadcast on the following stations between the hours of 5:30 A.M. and 6:30 A.M.

WSAR 1480	Fall River	WJAR TV 10	Providence
WSNE 93.3	Providence	WBZ 1030	Boston
WPEP 1570	Taunton	WLNE TV 6	New Bedford
WPRO FM 93.2	Providence	WBZ TV4	Boston
WCVB TV5	Boston	WBZ AM 1030	Boston
WPRI TV12	Providence	WRX FM 103.7	Providence
B101 FM 101.5			

There could be a "Late Start Day" announcement followed in an hour or so by a "No School Day" if there should be a change for the worse in the weather/emergency conditions.

Weather/Emergency Situations - Students in School

Parents should be aware that weather/emergencies might arise while students are in school. Due to the emergency, students may be released early. We will place such announcements on the radio. However, all parents may not be notified. It is very important that parents make arrangements for the shelter and supervision of their child in case of such emergencies. Neighbors or relatives should be notified and students should know what to do if parents are not at home.

Transportation

Bus rules for students have been established by the School Committee. A student must not abuse the privilege of riding the bus to and from school by misbehaving. The enforcement of bus rules is the responsibility of the bus driver. An infraction of the bus rules will be brought to the attention of the pupil(s) involved by a verbal explanation and warning by the driver. If a verbal warning is not sufficient, the driver will complete a written report and submit it to the Principal. A pupil will be placed on probation if, in the judgment of the Principal, the student's behavior has been unacceptable. A pupil shall lose his/her privilege of riding on the bus for deliberate vandalism, serious infractions, or repeated lesser infractions that affect the safety of the driver and other youngsters on the bus.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FY '98

APPROPRIATION \$4,656,476.00

Expenditures

1000	ADMINISTRATION	152,226.54
2000	INSTRUCTION	2,090,580.35
3000	OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	252,957.25
4000	OPER & MAINT OF BUILDING, EQUIPMENT, AND GROUNDS	235,641.75
5000	FIXED CHARGES	75,272.33
6000	TRANSP TO NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS	17,803.80
7000	ACQ & REPLACE OF EQUIPMENT	29,646.12
9000	PROGRAMS W/O DISTRICTS	572,356.87
SPECIAL EDUCATION		1,002,259.52

Total Expenditures	<u>4,428,744.57</u>
Remaining Balance	227,731.43
Allowed Carryover	<u>193,838.00</u>
Returned to Town	33,893.43

STATE AID
FY '98

CHAPTERS 71, 71A & B, 74
Public School Transportation \$ 82,037.00

CHAPTER 70 G.L.
General School Aid 2,696,700.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 2,778,737.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$4,428,744.57

TOTAL RECEIPTS 2,778,737.00

NET COST TO TOWN \$1,650,007.57

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Dr. Robert James, Superintendent of Schools

Berkley Community School - 822-9550
Sherry Medeiros, Principal
John Costa, Assistant Principal

Special Services - 822-5251
Janice Backlund, Special Education Director

1998-99

BERKLEY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Member:	Telephone:	Term Expires:
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William Perkins 11 Algerine Street Berkley, MA 02779	822-1078	1999
Daniel Ludwig 761 Berkley Street Berkley, MA 02779	821-3596	2000
Robert Lyman 137 Bay View Avenue Berkley, MA 02779	823-6529	2000
<i>Chairperson:</i> Maryann Smith 65 Locust Street Berkley, MA 02779	824-6889	2001

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL BERKLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

TO: Dr. Robert James
Superintendent of Berkley Public Schools

I hereby submit my tenth annual report as Principal of the Berkley Community School.

As I begin my twenty-ninth year in the Berkley School system, it is with renewed excitement that I look to the future. Berkley students continue to benefit from the passage of the Massachusetts Education Reform Act of 1993. With the successful ballot question to build a new school, the next steps have been taken to hopefully alleviate the overcrowding at the Community School.

The staff and administration are committed to pursuing the very best education for our students. Innovations such as heterogeneous grouping, integration of special needs students, inter-disciplinary theme units, cooperative learning and multiage team units are being implemented at Berkley Community School. The implementation of these programs is a joint effort among the school, parents and community. Our school motto - "*Commitment to Excellence: A Shared Responsibility*" - reinforces this spirit of joint effort.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Ms. Leigh Norcott will teach preschool.
Mrs. Diane Renaud will serve as a part-time preschool 1:1 aide.
Mrs. Rebecca Medeiros will serve as a special education aide.
Ms. Holli Nickelson will serve as a special education kindergarten teacher.
Mrs. Karen Pemberton will serve as a special education 1:1 aide grade 1.
Mrs. Heather Dropps will serve as the instructional aide in Mrs. Gooch's grade 1.
Mrs. Lucia DesRosiers will serve as the instructional aide in Mrs. Nelson's grade 1.
Mrs. Rhoda Freelove will serve as the instructional aide in Mrs. Crockett-Hicks grade 1.
Mrs. Elaine Rose will serve as a special education 1:1 aide in grade 2.
Mrs. Deborah Czorny will serve as the instructional aide in Mrs. Martinez's grade 2.
Ms. Carrie Guy will serve as the instructional aide in Mrs. Pugliese's grade 2.
Ms. Pamela Mullen will serve as long term substitute in Mrs. Francisco's grade 4.
Mr. Aaron Viera will serve as instructional aide in Ms. Viegas's grade 4.
Mrs. Caryn Sanson will teach grades 7 & 8 social studies.
Ms. Tracy Cunha will serve as instructional aide grade 8.
Ms. Kelly Leonard will serve as instructional aide grade 8.
Ms. Michele Beaudoin will serve as a special education aide grades 6 - 8.
Mrs. Dawnne Steele will serve as special education instructional aide grades 6 - 8.
Ms. Leigh Burroughs will serve as instructional aide grade 8.
Mrs. Bethany Buron will serve as instructional aide in special education lifeskills program grade 7
Mrs. Karen Bousquet will serve as guidance counselor.
Mrs. Donna Horgan will serve as part-time technology aide.
Mrs. Toni Moitozo will serve as the matron in the custodial department.
Mrs. Deborah Howell will serve as Principal's Secretary.
Mrs. Dolores Ouimet will serve as Secretary in the Principal's office.
Mrs. Jane Donahue-Allain will serve as office assistant.
Mrs. Kelly Kirby will serve as Executive Secretary in the Superintendent's office.
Mrs. Patti Bernard will serve as part-time nurse.

We wish everyone well in their new positions.

CURRICULUM REVIEW

The Education Reform Act of 1993 has mandated the establishment of Curriculum Frameworks in all subject areas. Our five-year cyclic review of our curriculum will be done with reference to these state frameworks. Currently, our Unified Arts (Art, Music, Physical Education, Career Education and Health) curriculum is being reviewed/revise. The revised Visual Arts curriculum was accepted in February, 1994; the revised Physical Education curriculum was accepted in September, 1994. The revised Health curriculum was accepted in November, 1995. The revised Social Studies and Science curricula were accepted in May of 1996. The revised Math and Music curricula were accepted in June, 1997. The revised Literacy curriculum was accepted in June, 1998.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

The following staff members serve as Department Heads: Mrs. Margaret Martinez, Ms. Joanne Hadley, and Mrs. Patricia Kerr.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Mr. John F. Costa continues to serve as Assistant Principal for Grades 5-8.
Mrs. Jennifer L. Francisco has been named Assistant Principal for Grades P-4.

NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Berkley Community School is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. a non-governmental, nationally recognized organization whose affiliated institutions include elementary schools through collegiate institutions offering post-graduate instruction.

Accreditation of an institution by the New England Association indicates that it meets or exceeds criteria for the assessment of institutional quality periodically applied through a peer group review process. An accredited school or college is one which has available the necessary resources to achieve its stated purposes through appropriate educational programs, is substantially doing so, and gives reasonable evidence that it will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Institutional integrity is also addressed through accreditation.

Accreditation by the New England Association is not partial but applies to the institution as a whole. As such, it is not a guarantee of the quality of every course or program offered, or the competence of individual graduates. Rather, it provides reasonable assurance about the quality of opportunities available to students who attend the institution.

Inquiries regarding the status of an institution's accreditation by the New England Association should be directed to the administrative staff of the school.

The Berkley Community School was granted initial accreditation by New England Association of Schools and Colleges in 1989. At that time, we were required to submit a two-year progress report to NEASC detailing our continuing efforts in the areas of curriculum, the department head model, and standardized testing. Our report was submitted for the November 14-15, 1991, Commission meeting. The members of the Commission accepted Berkley Community School's two-year progress report. The next step in this process was for Berkley Community School to submit a five-year follow-up report in 1994. Our report was submitted for the October 27-28, 1994, Commission meeting. The members of the Commission accepted Berkley Community school's five-year follow-up report. The self-study for our decennial visit has been completed. The accreditation visit by a team of our peers will take place March 14 - 17, 1999.

RECOGNITION

With the gracious generosity of the PTO, I was able to establish Annual Service Awards to recognize staff members who have given 15, 20 and 25 years of service to the children of Berkley. We congratulate the following recipients of the Berkley Public Schools' Service Awards for school year 1997-1998.

Fifteen Years
John Kruczek
Susan Picard

Twenty-five years
Melissa Smith
Margaret Martinez

It gives me great pleasure to continue the "Staff Person of the Month" program. This program recognizes staff members who have been acknowledged for their extra effort and contributions by their peers. Recognized for their accomplishments in 1998 were Elaine LaRose, Holli Nickelson, Tammy Hawk, Janine Perry, Mali Lim, Theresa Noons, Caryn Sanson, Pamela Mullen and Toni Moitozo.

In addition to staff members, we also recognize "Students of the Month". Every month approximately thirty students are selected by their teachers. The selections are based upon effort, performance, attitude, and conduct. Students and their parents are invited to attend a "Student of the Month" Brunch with the Principal at the school.

GRATITUDE

I express my sincere gratitude to Dr. Robert James, Mrs. Janice Backlund, Mr. John Costa, Mrs. Jennifer Francisco and the faculty and support staff of our school. Together they form a team that provides excellent educational opportunities to the children of Berkley. The support, cooperation and encouragement they have given me is much appreciated.

In addition to the above personnel, Berkley Community School owes a thank you to the many volunteers, both individuals and groups who enhance our school. A special thank you to Mrs. Elaine LaRose, Mrs. Nancy Neville, Mrs. Pam Vaz and Mrs. Julie Gray who have coordinated our very active parent volunteers. We also recognize the PTO, Library Trustees, Police Association, Fire/Rescue Department, Special Education Parents Advisory Council, Early Childhood Council and the Parent Teacher Citizen Advisory Council. The support and contributions of these individuals and groups have been outstanding and are much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry A. Medeiros
Principal

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